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To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of LUKE S. GARDNER, late of Wales, in said county, deceased, Greeting:

Whereas, a certain instrument, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, has been presented to said Court, for probate, by Francis S. Gardner, of said Palmer, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, and that he may be exempt from giving a surety on his official bond as such executor.

You are hereby called to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Springfield, in said county of Hampden, on the first Wednesday of January next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, against the same.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once a week, for three successive weeks, in the newspaper called the Palmer Journal, published at Palmer, the last publication to be two days, at least, before said Court, and to mail a copy of said notice to each of said next of kin who may reside out of this Commonwealth, fourteen days, at least, before said Court.

Witness, William S. Shurtlee, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this nineteenth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

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2801 JAMES J. CASEY.

MONSON NATIONAL BANK.

MONSON, MASS., December 10th, 1884.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Monson National Bank, for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of other business as may properly come before them, will be held at their banking house on Tuesday, January 13th, 1885, at 2 o'clock p.m.

5373 E. F. MORRIS, Cashier.

A New Year's Hymn.

God of the Old Year and the New,

The Nations come to thee!

To supplicate thy pardoning power,

They bend the humble knee,

They call thee Mighty Ruler, Judge,

The Father and the King;

To thee they offer praise and prayer,

And hymns of glory sing.

The Past, so full of evil deeds,

Of sin and all of wrong,

Of gross forgetfulness of right,

Of crime by the strong;

The Past, when men alike forgot

Thy lessons and thy will,

And shunned thy counsels and thy word,

To seek for paths of ill.

That Past is now before thy throne;

God help us in this hour!

When we are called to meet each act,

By thy almighty power.

We ask forgiveness for the Past,

In this appointed way,

And promise that the opening year

Shall crown a better day.

God of the Old Year and the New,

A world looks up to thee,

With beaming hearts and tearful eyes,

To see the prisoners freed,

To arm each heart with stronger faith,

To battle for the right,

And trust thy promises that God

Is with them in the fight.

God of the Old Year and the New,

Thus do thy children pray;

Hear them, Oh, Father! from thy throne,

And bring a better day.

When all shall praise thy holy name

And do thy sovereign will;

When God shall rule o'er all the earth,

And goodness banish ill.

GETTING AN INDORSER.

My friend, Frank Howard, was a dry goods dealer on Washington street. When I made his acquaintance he was one of the most active and successful salesmen in the trade, and being a prudent man had saved a small sum of money, with which, and the credit he might be able to obtain, he proposed to commence business on his own account.

Among his acquaintances he had the good fortune to include a wealthy merchant, whose judgment had led him to form a lofty estimation of the business capacity of my friend.

To him the young aspirant for mercantile honors stated his case, and the conference ended in a voluntary proposition on the part of the merchant to supply the goods necessary to stock his store, taking his notes, the first of which would fall due in one year in payment. The arrangement was completed, and in a few days Frank found himself installed in a convenient store, on the best part of the street, ready to strike for his fortune.

The notes had not been signed, and one evening, Frank called by appointment at the princely mansion of his wealthy benefactor. He was ushered into the sitting room where the merchant was reading the evening paper. By his side sat a beautiful young lady, to whom his patron politely introduced him.

My friend belonged to that anomalous class of beings styled "handsome men" at least the ladies all said he was handsome, though for the life of me I never could tell wherein his beauty consisted. But, as I have no particular fancy for masculine beauty, it may have escaped my notice, or the natural selfishness of mankind may have prejudiced my judgment.

My friend was acknowledged by all the ladies to be a remarkably handsome man, and probably this was the secret of his immense success as a salesman. Whether he reckoned his beauty as one of the items of his stock in trade, when he went into business, I am unable to say; but I have not the least doubt he based his hopes of success, to a great extent, upon the influence of his prepossessing personal appearance. Frank fixed his eyes on the young lady, as the merchant, who had, when he had entered, half read a money article in his paper, turned to finish it. Miss Allen—such was the name by which she had been presented to him—was busily engaged in crocheting a little silk purse; and as she bent over the work Frank was perfectly satisfied that he had never seen so pretty a face in his life.

And then the nearest, most graceful little foot in the world protruded from beneath a light silk dress—a foot which completely turned Frank's head, so that he forgot all about the notes and the merchant.

Without the least regard to etiquette, politeness, good breeding, and all that sort of thing, he stared mercilessly at her, and never, for even the fraction of a moment, removed his gaze, nor even allowing himself the luxury of winking, lest the time so employed should be lost. Frank was perfectly sure that he had never before felt exactly as he did at that hazy moment. It seemed as though all the divinities of paradise were concentrated in the fair form before him, as though he had been transported to an Elysium of love.

The maiden was not altogether unmoved. The embryo merchant several times detected her in the act of stealing a glance at him through the long, fringing eyelashes that adorned her peerless brow. He plainly saw her blush; saw her bosom heave with a flutter as she caught his earnest gaze.

Frank Howard was a handsome man; and somehow or other men and women who are favored in this respect always contrive to find it out. Frank knew that he was a handsome man, and never in his life did he more devoutly thank his stars, which had given him personal beauty, than at this particular moment.

The lady had already found out that he was handsome, and if the stippled fellow had not stared so furiously at her she would no doubt have done the same thing as he was doing.

Mr. Allen finished the money article, and laid down the paper. Frank has owned to me that he wished the article had been twice, or even four times as long.

The details of the business were discussed, and the papers drawn. While it was in progress Frank more than once de-

tected the beautiful fairy in the act of looking at him; several times detected her in the act of blushing when their eyes met.

The business was finished at last, much to the regret of my handsome friend, who, when he got into the street, went straightway into a fit of abstraction, and had walked half way across Charlestown bridge on his way home before he happened to think that he lived at the South End.

It was all up with poor Frank; he had fallen in love—he was stark, staring mad in love—with whom he knew not, for it was well known that Mr. Allen had no daughter. She was a relative, however, for she bore his name.

But if Frank was in love there was some consolation in the fact that the fair creature who had stolen his heart was in the same predicament.

The next day she came shopping at his store, and the next, indeed, almost every day. No conversation had passed between them; and, though he had been introduced on the evening of his visit, he had been too much overclouded to use words.

My friend, however, did not lack that necessary attribute of a successful wooer, somewhat vulgarly termed "spunk." He had no further business with the merchant; but then his case was a desperate one, and he made an errand.

Miss Allen blushed as he entered, but she was so calm and agreeable to the last degree, so much so that Frank staid till the bells rung out for nine o'clock before he knew it. The ice was broken, and my friend was in for it.

The lady was a niece of the merchant, twenty-one years of age, and an heiress. In the course of a few months Frank's energy won the victory, and it was understood that they were engaged.

The merchant did not like it. Being somewhat exclusive in his ideas of social intercourse, the prospective marriage of his wealthy niece to a poor retailer was repugnant to the last degree, and he resolved to thwart the purpose of the loving couple.

At first he appealed to the lady; but she only laughed at him; told him bluntly that she loved Mr. Howard and would have him. Then he reasoned with Frank on his ingratitude to him, his benefactor. The young man was touched, and promised to consider it.

He did consider it, and his loving innamorata helped him to consider it. After a hasty deliberation it was unanimously agreed to lay the whole matter "on the table."

Mr. Allen was informed of the decision, and as old fogies always do when they cannot do anything else, bit his lip and swallowed his words, fully resolved to do something dreadful, whenever an opportunity occurred.

CHAPTER II.

A year after my friend went into business as I passed by his store one morning. I was not a little surprised to find it closed. Before the window was that ominous white cloth, denoting that the occupant had failed. I entered the store. Frank stood at his desk, glancing with a most woe-begone aspect at the pages of his ledger.

"How's this, Frank?" I asked; and I was never more surprised in my life.

"B'nt up! don't you see?" replied he rather petulantly.

"But what does it mean?"

"Mean? Why that I had a note of a thousand dollars due yesterday that I could not pay, and this morning early my amiable friend, Mr. Allen, put in a keeper that 'all.'"

"How does it happen? I thought you were doing a smashing business."

"So I was; I had the money to pay this note six weeks ago, and let Smith have it at two per cent a month," replied he with a ghastly smile.

"And Smith has failed?"

"Not exactly. He has stopped; but every one says he's good, if he has time to turn himself."

"And you must make a fall of it in the meantime?"

"If I could only stave off Mr. Allen a couple of months I could get out of the scrape with flying colors."

"Won't he wait?"

Frank shook his head; he had mortally offended the proud merchant, and there was no prospect that he would be lenient in the slightest degree.

"Can't you raise the money?"

"No; times haven't been so hard for four years. Everybody is failing, and the money men won't trust their own fathers."

At this moment Mr. Allen entered the store. He looked stern and severe, like one who had the power in his own hands, and is disposed to use it. I seated myself near the desk as he approached.

The merchant politely saluted the unfortunate dealer, smiling as blandly as though nothing had happened; as though he had no voice, and Frank were a stoic.

"I don't wish to be hard. I would wait if prudence would justify it," said Mr. Allen, who was keenly sensitive in regard to his reputation for generosity and fairness.

In fact, he was a man of good feelings, and, only that he meant to punish Frank for falling in love with his wealthy niece, he would not have disturbed him.

"You will be just as secure two months hence as now," pleaded Frank.

"I have not that confidence in you, Mr. Howard—I say it frankly—which I had once. You have lost a thousand dollars. I doubt if your stock under the hammer would pay my notes."

Frank looked savage, for, though he was crestfallen, he was Frank Howard yet, and felt keenly the unjust imputation of the merchant.

"I wish to be fair, and even indulgent," continued Mr. Allen, before Frank had time to utter the magnificent sentiment that rose to his lips. "Here is the note; give me one good indorser and I will wait two months."

Frank looked up and smiled in contempt at the miserable subterfuge of the merchant who meant to crush him and still preserve an appearance of fairness. He knew it would be impossible for the young man, with his stock encumbered, to procure the security.

"Will you take Smith?" asked Frank, implicitly.

"Of course not," replied Mr. Allen, with a bland smile.

"I will see what can be done; but the case is hopeless I think."

The merchant withdrew, assured in his own mind that his revenge was sure, and his reputation safe at the same time.

Frank and myself canvassed the matter, but we could think of no person whose milk of human kindness was sufficiently abundant to prompt him to do such an insane act. While we were debating the matter Frank was struck up by the entrance of Miss Allen.

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The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 2, 1885.

It is reported that Judge Julius Rockwell of the superior court is about to resign, after a service of 23 years.

AFTER holding four excellent annual fairs, the New England Manufacturers and Mechanics' Institute of Boston, goes into solvency, there not being sufficient interest in the enterprise to make it profitable.

The Massachusetts Legislature will begin its annual session next Wednesday. Its work ought to be done and the members at home by the 1st of April. We could overlook a longer sitting, however, if the biennial session plan was adopted.

FRIENDS of Gen. Grant are endeavoring to raise \$100,000 to save his property. Mr. Vanderbilt agreeing to release his \$160,000 claim for that. It is believed that it will be secured without trouble. It is a shame that Congress does not make a handsome provision for the general in his declining years.

A MOVEMENT is on foot among temperance workers, for the holding of a temperance centennial this year. Dr. Dorchester dates the temperance agitation in this country from the publication in 1785 of a pamphlet by Dr. Benj. Rush of Philadelphia, on "The Effect of Ardent Spirits on Mind and Body."

The Baltimore and Ohio Telegraph Co. makes a bold cut in rates with the new year, the rate from New York to Boston for ten words being reduced from 25 to 10 cents, from New York to Washington the same, to Chicago 15 cents instead of 50, and so on all over its lines, while the night rates are fixed at 15 cents for 15 words.

THE quiet town of Hinsdale has been startled by an attempt to blow up the office of the Plunkett Woolen Co.'s mill by dynamite. As far as can be learned, it is the culmination of a long-standing and bitter opposition among the operatives to the German superintendent, but an opposition which resorts to such methods is one calling for the strong hand of the law to suppress promptly and effectually.

HENRY WARD BEECHER made a lengthy personal statement after his sermon last Sunday, in which he partially apologized for some of his campaign utterances, notably the statement that if every man who had violated the seventh commandment should vote for Cleveland he would receive 200,000 majority in New York state. Mr. Beecher's grievance, it seems, was not that Blaine was nominated, but was caused by the failure of the party to nominate a Southerner for vice president. The reverend gentleman's course in the campaign caused quite a little feeling among many of his leading members, and it is very likely to show itself in the presidential next week, though not to any serious extent, probably.

In response to a letter from the national civil service reform league Gov. Cleveland has written a frank statement of his views and purposes in regard to the civil service. He affirms his cordial approval of the reform act passed in 1883 and his purpose to enforce it, though he is "not sure that all those who profess to be the friends of this reform will stand firmly among its advocates when they find it obstructing their way to patronage and place." He goes on to say that efficient public servants who have not shown themselves offensive partisans need not fear summary removal, and adds that officials "should be taught that efficiency, fitness and devotion to public duty are the conditions of their continuance in public place, and that the quiet and unobtrusive exercise of individual political rights is the reasonable measure of their party service." He closes with a warning to his party friends that "a due regard for the people's interest does not permit faithful party work to be always rewarded by appointment to office." One swallow does not make a summer, and one declaration of this sort does not insure a non-partisan administration for the next four years, and the retention of most of the Republican office holders, by any means. But it does reveal a commendable purpose on the part of the president-elect to rise above mere partisanship, and we trust he will be able to carry it out.

Sedgwick L. Plummer, a graduate of Harvard college and a former member of the Massachusetts Legislature, died in the almshouse at Gardner, Me., last Friday. He was at one time a prominent lawyer near Boston, but having \$50,000 left him, squandered it in an intemperate life, and became a vagabond.

An earthquake in Andalusia, Southern Spain, last week has caused a good deal of suffering among the survivors. The shock was followed by a hurricane, and thousands of houses were destroyed. The loss of life is reported as exceeding 3000.

Some fued placed a package of dynamite on the Jersey Central railroad in New Jersey last Friday, arranged in such a manner that it would be exploded by a passing train. Luckily it was discovered before the next train, which was a passenger, was due.

A box containing dynamite was left at the office of the American tract society last Friday morning, addressed to Anthony Comstock. It was intended that an explosion should occur on the opening of the box, but it did not work.

Work has commenced on the ice chair for the Montreal carnival. It is to be 50 feet in diameter at the base, 75 feet high, built of ice, and lighted with electric lights.

Capt. Park of the Boston ship "Alert," arrived at New York last Friday with the report that his ship was burned at sea Nov. 14th.

The smallest midget yet was born at Kingsbridge, N. Y., last week. The child was only six inches long, and weighed just 11 ounces.

A young fellow 30 years old at 711th, O., has married at widow of 75, worth \$100,000.

Gladstone's 75th birthday was celebrated with great festivities at Hawarden Monday.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Compound Peetoral will cure your cough, and the lady or gentleman holding card No. 50 will be pleased with that elegant dinner set, by calling on Hildreth, the druggist.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

1885.
Don't write it '84.
You swore off, of course?
How about those good resolutions?
Communion at the churches next Sunday.

The frame for A. J. Northrop's house on Park street is up.
Our merchants still show a good stock of holiday goods.
The only thing in the news line that is plentiful is its scarcity.

A large and pleasant party attended the ball at the skating rink last evening.
The reading circle will meet this evening with Mrs. S. H. Hellyar on Main street.
Rev. Mr. Hunter will preach a sermon to his church people next Sunday morning.
A polo club will probably be organized now that a rink big enough to play in can be had.

E. E. Hart left for Concord on Wednesday, to enter upon his duties as clerk under Col. Taft at the reform prison.

There were interesting Sunday school concerts at both Congregational and Universalist churches last Sunday evening.

O. C. Marcy had a carriage somewhat smashed up at West Ware last week by a collision with another team in the night.

Harding Hunt, a well-known farmer living in the north part of the town, died on Tuesday, having been sick but a short time.

The new skating rink with its smooth floor, will no doubt become a popular place in which to hold balls, promenade concerts, etc.

The farmer at the state primary school has improved the warm weather of the past three days by plowing several acres of the farm.

There was no dancing school on Tuesday evening. Hereafter the lessons will commence at 8 o'clock, and will be open to outsiders after 9 o'clock.

The first farmers' institute will be held at the Weeks House next Tuesday. Subject for discussion: "What is the best substitute for the grass crop in dry seasons?"

We have to thank Ruggles & Minott of Three Rivers for some very fine lettuce, grown in their green-house at that village. They have over 1000 plants in fine condition.

An actual occurrence in a store in this village one evening this week: A man came in and ordered a spool of thread sent to his house, although he was going directly home.

The singing class is a decided success, and numbers nearly 125 scholars. The commencing class meets next Tuesday evening at 15 minutes before 7, the advance class at 8.

There was no school in the grammar room yesterday, the school being closed to allow the teacher, Miss Marsh, to attend the funeral of her father in the eastern part of the state.

Wm. Ramsdell, a former resident of this place, but now of Springfield, broke his leg last night while attempting to climb the depot fence opposite the Nassawann House, on his way to the "mooch."

J. O. Hamilton claims to have the crack yoke of three-year-old steers in this town, his weighing 3360 pounds. He also has a full blooded Devonshire calf, four months old, which tips the beam at 351 pounds.
The English sparrow don't seem to mind the cold a bit. One was seen this week taking a bath in a puddle where some one had broken the ice which covered the water, and seemed to be having a first-rate good time.

One of the saddest sights witnessed on our streets in a long time was that of a young fellow not more than 18 years old, so drunk he could scarcely stand up Monday noon. A fine recommendation for a village, surely.

According to a western Adventist the world comes to an end next Sunday. Granted that this be true, you had better go out of this world square with the printer, or St. Peter won't recognize you at the gates of the next.

A main street clerk thought it funny to place a book peddler's basket in an out of the way place, when he left it a few moments one day this week, causing the poor old man considerable anxiety lest his stock in trade had been stolen.

An excellent Christmas service was held at St. Paul's church last Sunday morning. A very large audience, one of the largest since the parish was organized, was present. The concert by the Sunday school in the evening was a very fine success.

Mrs. Nora Conihlan, a sister of Father Sullivan, died rather suddenly of blood poisoning on Tuesday. She had been troubled with a felon on her finger, but it was getting better, when blood poisoning set in, resulting in death in a short time.

Ladies in town who happen to have a night-blooming cereus in blossom, might preserve the blossoms a greater length of time by following the trick of an Alabama woman who darkened the room and foisted the plant into keeping open until the next day or noon.

Referring to the curious weather we are having, we were informed one day this week that our informant could remember one winter when the farmers were plowing all through the month of January and February. We listened and said nothing, but thought lots.

D. F. Holden has disposed of his pair of driving horses which won the double team race at the cattle show last September in 2:48, having sold "Pede" to his brother, J. S. Holden, for \$250, and "Golden Charlie" to C. F. Brown of No. Stonington, Conn., for \$200.

Small chairs have been purchased for the use of the infant class of the Congregational Sunday school, and they will hereafter occupy a room by themselves, instead of remaining in the large room and

sitting on seats where their feet could not touch the floor, making it very hard for them.

Judging from the manner in which subscriptions are coming in, our readers think the "Cottage Hearth" is a nice magazine. It is, and no mistake. We give it free to new subscribers to the JOURNAL for one year. Try them both for a year, and send in your name at once, as the offer is only open for a short time.

It seems that Michael Griffin of Belcher-town was not so erudite to his horse as our last week's item would make it appear. He covered the horse with a buffalo robe and blanket while he went to the depot, but they were blown off by the wind. He was detained but a few moments, and no charge was made against him.

The friends in this place of Louis B. Colburn were saddened on Sunday by the intelligence that his wife, formerly Miss Nellie J. Ferry of Palmer, had died at her home at Pittsfield on Saturday. The body was brought here for burial on Monday. Diphtheria was the cause of her death, and their four-year-old daughter has since died of the same disease.

The pastor of St. Paul's church will preach Sunday morning upon the "Good Fight of Faith," the topic for the first day of the week of prayer. In the evening a new course of sermons will be taken up upon "Hard Sayings of the Bible." Text: "For unto every one that hath shall be given and he shall have abundance. But from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath."

The "memory of the oldest inhabitant" can hardly date back to a time when the first days of December and the first days of January have been so mild as those just passed. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday were more like days in the first of May than in the dead of winter, and to wish any one a "happy new year" yesterday, seemed as if the expression came some four or five months too late, so spring-like was the air.

In renewing his subscription for another year, a western subscriber writes: "I can't do without the JOURNAL, and look for it as regularly as I do the return of the seasons. It brings to my mind old friends, and refreshes me in my old age." If you have a friend in some other place who has gone from this vicinity, make them a present of a year's subscription to the JOURNAL, and thus keep them informed as to what is going on in the place.

At the regular election of officers of Palmer Lodge, I. O. O. F. last Friday evening, the following were chosen: N. G. A. S. Meserve; V. G., J. H. Smith; R. S. A. L. Hills; Treas., Geo. Robinson; trustees—Geo. B. Kenerson, C. L. Holden, J. G. Parkhurst. These officers will probably be installed one week from to-night. This lodge is one of the most prosperous in the state, it has 91 members, and has not paid a cent for benefits in the past year. The balance in the treasury being about \$1700. A new safe has lately been placed in the lodge room.

The Weeks House was the scene of an unusual, though pleasant and successful surprise party at an early hour Monday morning. The wife of a sea captain, who arrived in New York last Saturday after an extended voyage with her husband, being extremely anxious to reach home in Maine as soon as possible, started with friends on the owl train Sunday evening; but upon reaching this place the condition of her health had become such as to necessitate more quiet surroundings than could be found in a railway car. Word was dispatched to Landford Weeks accordingly, the lady and her friends were speedily provided with comfortable quarters, and inside of an hour mother and child were reported "as well as could be expected." "All's well that ends well."

Respectfully dedicated to various and several persons in this place:
Come now, own up. Did't you feel just the least bit mean when you came sneaking home from Springfield, the other day, with your arms full of Christmas goods, which you had to pay for the same things here? You are very glad to have your neighbors patronize you, but you do not hesitate to sneak by him and spend your money out of town, when you get a chance. We are glad that Westfield has only a few such people—the fewer the better.—Westfield Times and News-Letter.

The above applies very well to some in this town, we are sure. And we are also sure that Springfield prices are higher for many things than they are here. The city merchants are compelled to carry a larger stock and a greater variety, their expenses are greater, and they cannot afford to sell as low as our local dealers.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

The week of prayer begins next Sunday, and will continue seven days. Meetings will be held every evening during the week at the Congregational church, and the following topics, suggested by the Evangelical Alliance, will be adopted:

Sunday.—The good fight of faith.
Monday.—Praise and thanksgiving.
Tuesday.—Humiliation and confession.
Wednesday.—Prayer for the church.
Thursday.—Prayer for families and instructors of youth.
Friday.—For the nations.
Saturday.—For missions.
At the meeting of the Alliance, so great interest was manifested that a second list of topics was made out and suggested for the use of churches instead of the one above:

General topic (originally assigned for the week of prayer): That God would now pour out His Spirit upon all flesh, so that all the ends of the earth might see His salvation.
Sunday.—The promise of the Holy Spirit.
Monday.—The Spirit waiting—The church lacking in faith.
Tuesday.—Encouragements from the work of the Spirit in the past.
Wednesday.—The renewing power of the Spirit.
Thursday.—The sanctifying power of the Spirit.
Friday.—The abiding presence of the Spirit recognized and accepted.
Saturday.—Prayer in the Spirit for the manifestation of the power of God throughout the whole world.

THE NEW SKATING RINK.

The new roller skating rink which Servetus Leach has been building on Park street, is completed, and it is safe to say that it is not excelled in any town of this size in the state. Having a frontage of 55 feet on Park street, it runs back 125 feet, giving a skating surface 108 by 40 feet, which is laid with birch, the boards running lengthwise of the rink and across the ends, so that at no time does the skater skate

across the grain of the wood. Entering the outer door, which is in the center of the end, the ticket office is at the left. Inside the main room a railing separates the skating surface from a passage way which leads to the seats for spectators, these extending the entire length of the building on either side. At the left of the ticket office there is a skate room, and further along, in the corner of the building, is the gentlemen's dressing room. At the right of the entrance are two check rooms and a ladies' dressing room in the corner. Seats set back so as not to interfere with the skating surface, are provided for the skaters. The skates are all new, and include both the Winslow and the Union Hardware patterns, the latter being especially designed for ladies.

The rink will be opened next Wednesday evening for the first time, with music by the Palmer Cornet band, and skating from 7.30 to 10.30. As an attraction, Prof. L. H. Bean, the wonderful skate contortionist, will appear in his contortion acts, besides an exhibition of fancy and trick skating. Among other things, he jacks himself in a box 20 inches long, 16 inches wide and 18 inches high.

Mr. Leach has shown a good deal of enterprise in building so expensive a rink in so small a place, and we hope he will make a success of it, and have a large patronage.

HOW IT LOOKS TO SOME PEOPLE.

Mr. Editor.—I noticed your remarks in a recent issue of the JOURNAL, about the passage-way to the new depot. I thought you would feel like getting down in sack-cloth and ashes as you saw the plans of the railroad officials developing by reason of your long advocacy of a new depot. What an insult to the citizens of Palmer to ask them to pay for widening that railroad bridge, after spending some ten thousand dollars on the south side of the track in concrete walks, winding paths, sedan chairs, flower gardens, etc. And all done to tide along the patrons of the road to their favorite hotel. Suppose a way is made as proposed, under that bridge, what a fine time the people will have getting up by the Boston & Albany beer shop, with teams backed over the walk half of the time at least; the other half ladies and gentlemen can pass around through mud and slush. Any man who will vote to assess the tax-payers of Palmer to carry out the scheme proposed is not worthy the name of a descendant from the Revolutionary fathers. The objection is raised to crossing the main tracks on an account of accident from fast express trains that do not stop here, but the one that does not stop here halts before it passes the station! Will some one answer the question, why should not the citizens of this village and town have a central right of way over the main line, and risk life and limb with the passengers from the Ware road, who are dumped out on the main line at least four times a day? The management say, "Go round half a mile or less through mud and mire by the railroad bridge, the bridge crowded with teams most of the time, and take your chance of being run over and maimed thereon." Why are the citizens of this vicinity thus dealt with? There is not a parallel case in all the catalogue of railroad management in the country! Now the question is, what are you going to do about it? Try a petition to the Legislature stating your grievances, and you will get a hearing, a central passageway opened, and if necessary a flagman stationed to protect citizens passing to the depot. How is it in Springfield, where an army of people cross the tracks every day, amid trains running like a weaver's shuttle?

COMMERCIAL TRAVELER.

There seems to be considerable marrying going on of late.
Considerable sickness in town just now, resulting from severe colds.

A new blacksmith shop is in process of erection near Rogers' hotel, this makes four blacksmith shops in town.
Switzer Bros. have moved their meat market into Hardon's block, and E. Shaw has put a supply of meats of all kinds into his market in Shaw's block, where his help and others may be accommodated with nice meat at low prices.

WILBRAHAM.

Interesting centennial services were held at the Methodist church last Sunday.
Prof. Hibbard gives a reading in Fisk Hall this evening, under the auspices of Pieria society.

W. J. Skillings has opened rooms on Faculty street for the manufacture of corn casks, corn balls and hulled corn.
H. C. Frost, who has been sick for some time, died last Saturday. He was a prominent citizen and member of the Methodist church, and was highly esteemed by all.

EAST LONGMEADOW.

The ladies' society of the Congregational church met with Mrs. C. H. Rust, and the ladies of the M. E. church with Mrs. W. E. Eaton Wednesday afternoon.
Norreross Brothers will resume work on their quarries next Monday, after a two-weeks' vacation through the holidays. Only a small force of men will be employed this winter.

It was decided in the lyceum Tuesday evening that women should not have the right of suffrage. The question for next Tuesday evening is "Resolved that the world has been, and is improving in its morals."

THREE RIVERS.

Mrs. Chas. Nickerson is recovering from an illness of several days.
The Union Sunday school gave a concert at the church last Sunday evening.

The sons of temperance elected officers for the coming term Monday evening. The installation ceremony will take place next Monday.
James Kenyon, second-hand in the mill-room, was severely injured Wednesday afternoon by the accidental starting of a machine on which he was working.

N. K. Rogers is extending the store occupied by Grise & Forand, druggists. The bank in front of the easterly half of the building has been removed, and another entrance to the store made at that point.

LUDLOW.

James O. Kendall and Henry Leno each lost a horse last week.
The ladies' sewing society meets with Mrs. Gilbert S. Atchinson this afternoon and evening.

James M. White, the "cattle king" of this state, has been confined to his house with sickness for the past few weeks. It is hoped by his many friends, that he may be out in a few days.

The young people's literary society was well attended last Monday evening, and several new members were voted in. Miss Irene T. Jones was chosen secretary in place of Mrs. Wm. A. Miller. It is expected that Miss Marion Stearns will give a reading before this society in a few weeks.

Last Sunday the Sabbath school connected with the First Congregational church, reorganized, making choice of the following officers: Supt., Rev. M. P. Dickey; Asst. Supt., Dea. G. R. Clark; Librarian, F. E. Sikes; Mabel Underwood and Fred G. Atchinson. Dea. Clark has been superintendent of the school for the past six years, and during that time 54 have been added to the school, a record of which few can boast. The teachers were all re-elected except Miss Norris, who has left town.

THORNDIKE.

William Lawton has opened a billiard and pool room in the basement of Murdock's building.

The Congregational and Methodist societies united in a Christmas gathering on Christmas evening, with a tree which was much enjoyed by the children. A. H. Gross acted as Santa Claus.

Business in the mills is rushing, and in order to keep up with the demand for goods, part of the machinery has been running extra. The No. 1 mill which has been stopped three months for repairs is now running part of the machinery.

The Sons of Temperance feel very thankful toward the friends who assisted them at their recent supper, thereby making it such a success. The division has taken possession of its new hall over Mr. Bond's store, and had a very pleasant time at their Christmas tree gathering on Christmas Eve, when many valuable presents were distributed. The entertainment consisted of a charade, and music by a quartette composed of Misses Nettie Bond and Mary Hay, Messrs. Wm. Hastings and A. H. Gross.

The Thorndike Literary Club has arranged for a course of entertainments, the first of which was given last Saturday evening by Mr. Stuart Rogers, whose readings and recitations were well received. The next entertainment was to be next Tuesday evening, by F. A. Ober, a lecture on "Pictorial Mexico," illustrated with the stereopticon, but has been postponed until Jan. 27th. The next will be by Dr. James Headley, Jan. 16th, on the "Sunny Side of Life." The last is a concert, the date of which is yet to be announced.

MONSON.

A catalogue of the new books in the library has been issued this week.

Arba Squier is putting in a foundation for a dwelling house on Pease Avenue.

Some of the woolen mills are changing to hannels and dress goods, and increasing the working hours to full time.

A valuable horse belonging to Edward Gallup of the B. & A. road, died at G. M. King's stable last week of lung fever.

John M. Belden has sold his dwelling house and lot on Bridge street to Lucius D. Smith of Orange, Mass., for \$2000.

The Rev. R. R. R. Burchard preached in Monson some years ago when Wm. Storrs kept Merrick, Fay & Co.'s boarding house.

The children of the Universalist Sunday school gave a very entertaining Christmas concert at Central Hall last Sunday evening.

John S. Bogan has sold to James Fitzgerald of Williamette, his house and 25 acres of land on the Wilbraham road for \$1200.

Mrs. Lottie H. Lewis has removed her millinery rooms from 74 Main street to 89 Main street, nearly opposite her former location.

We would like to correspond with some energetic young man in this town who is willing to devote all or a part of his time to canvassing in the place.

Rev. Mr. Hammett is very sick with pneumonia at his home in Dedham, and will be unable to preach Sunday, but arrangements will be made for a supply; therefore services at Central Hall as usual.

The painters are putting the finishing touches on the interior of the new town hall, and with the strong force of workmen now driving the completion of the structure, it is probable it will be completed about the 1st of February.

BRIMFIELD.

George W. Shuman, who left town last spring and has since been at Los Angeles, Cal., returned on Tuesday.

There was a New Year's ball at the Brimfield Hotel Wednesday evening to dance out the old year and greet the new. Music by the Warren orchestra, John L. Bacon, prompter.

SAD DROWNING ACCIDENT.
Dwight P. Allen and his hired man, Walter A. Bennett, were drowned Tuesday at what is known as "Pork pond," at East Brimfield. Mr. Allen was fishing alone on this pond, which is a few rods westerly from his house, and his hired man was chopping near, if not in sight of the pond.

In the afternoon Mr. Allen was at the Gold pond in Holland, where other parties were fishing, leaving there about 2 p. m., which was the last seen of him until his body was taken from the water.

As neither Mr. Allen nor his man came home at the usual time to tie up the cattle and do the chores at the barn, his family became alarmed and the neighbors were notified, and search made for them in the evening. Mr. Allen's hat was found floating in a hole in the ice over his body. The body of Bennett was some 25 feet nearer the shore. It is supposed from the fact that a board had been taken from the fence near where Mr. Allen was found that Bennett went to his rescue, and, being unsuccessful, started for the shore, leaving the board; this view is confirmed by the fact that the ice was broken from near where Mr. Allen was found for some 20 feet toward the shore, where Bennett was found.

Mr. Allen was the son of the late Capt. Parsons Allen, and lived upon the old homestead. He was 52 years old, much respected by all who knew him, and had served the town as selectman and in other offices. He married, November 29th, 1860, Mrs. Salina Allen, who died October 6, 1861, and November 23d, 1864 he married Josephine L. Shaw of Great Barrington. Their children are: Waldo B., born January

12th, 1866, and now a clerk in the post office at Springfield; and Edwin B., born July 18th, 1876. Marcus H. Rogers, formerly of the Great Barrington Courier, married a sister of Mrs. Allen. Mr. Rogers and wife have made their home with Mr. Allen for the past few months, leaving only a few days since for Great Barrington on their way to Florida for a residence for the winter. Walter A. Bennett was 26 years old, and was the son of the late Asahel C. Bennett, and a young man of much promise.

NORTH WILBRAHAM.

Cyler and Co. commenced this week running their mill 9 hours per day.

W. E. Stone and family have returned from the Inn, after a week's delightful visit.

Sunday school at the chapel at two o'clock, preaching by the pastor at half past five.

The boys will run to the Street Sunday morning at 10 o'clock to convey any who wish to attend communion service.

The Christmas exercises were greatly enjoyed and made especially interesting by the manner in which the pastor and his family were remembered.

C. E. Stacy withdrew from the firm of E. B. Gates & Co. the 1st inst. During the spring it is probable he will make a tour out West. Mr. Gates continuing the business with his son, H. E. Gates.

The remains of Mrs. Nellie Colburn of Pittsfield, were interred at the cemetery at East Wilbraham Monday. She was the daughter of Mr. Francis Ferry of Silver Street, and an estimable young lady.

Early Sunday morning James Connors awoke and found his brother-in-law, Thomas Plannigan, dead in bed beside him. Medical Examiner Holbrook was summoned, who pronounced the cause of his death to be paralysis of the heart. Deceased belonged in H. Wyck, and was on a visit to his friends.

The services at Grace Chapel have been discontinued on account of the resignation of the organist, but as the society provided an organist for any such emergency at its last annual meeting by electing an assistant organist, it is to be hoped the lamentable condition will not be unnecessarily forced upon the people and the pastor any longer. The village can ill afford to wilfully antagonize its religious interests in such a manner, especially under a union of forces.

WARREN.

The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. Olds on Crescent street Thursday evening.

Next week will be observed as the week of prayer by most of the churches.

The president of the prohibition club is James Goodrich, not James Goodhue.

Rev. Mr. Forbes had a social gathering at the parsonage Wednesday evening.

There will be a Sabbath school concert at the Methodist church next Sabbath evening.

A paper box factory has been opened in the upper part of Cutler Moore's building by H. B. Chaffee.

A pleasant time was enjoyed by those who attended the social at Rev. Mr. Forbes' Wednesday evening.

The schools resume their work next week. Mr. Ayres will take the place of superintendent and principal.

The new skating rink has been christened the "Ocean Pier" rink. It will be open every afternoon and evening, with music Thursday evenings.

The Knowles Steam Pump Works have reduced the working time of most of their employees to seven and eight hours per day, beginning the first day of the year.

There will be a fellowship meeting at the Congregational church Wednesday, commencing at half past ten in the morning. There will be services afternoon and evening.

At Green's Hall rink to-morrow evening there will be a race against time. Prof. Bean, the skate contortionist, has been engaged to give an exhibition next Thursday evening.

A fellowship meeting will be held with the Congregational church next Wednesday, at which Rev. Geo. R. Leavett of Cambridge will be present. Mr. L. has had wonderful success as a preacher, his labors being attended with many conversions. It is hoped many will improve the opportunity to hear him.

Crescent Division, Sons of Temperance, have elected for the ensuing quarter, the following: W. P. S. A. Brown; W. A. S. A. Woodworth; R. S. H. H. Pool; A. R. S., Nellie Comins; F. S., John M. Campbell; Treas., Chas. Smith; Chap., Rev. W. G. Richardson; Con., Geo. Converse; Asst. Con., Clara Chaffee; J. S., Jessie Green; O. S., F. P. Warren; Trustee for nine months, John A. Manley; for three months, Chas. Smith.

The officers elected at the Congregational Sabbath school last Sunday were: Supt., J. W. Chassey; Asst. Supt., C. H. Walker; Sec. and Treas., James Kimball; Librarian, W. D. Hasley; C. S. Rockwood. There are very few changes in the teachers.

The M. E. Sabbath school the following officers were chosen: Superintendent for the twenty-second consecutive year, E. F. Strickland; Asst. Supt., Mr. Underwood; Sec. and Treas., W. E. Tidale; Librarian, Frank Munsel. Few changes among the teachers.

WARE AND VICINITY.
A new weekly stage line, running Saturday nights, has been started between Gilbertville and Ware

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The singer sang the world a song,
And soon in every tender heart
Its melody, sweet and strong,
Became a dear and lasting part.
But no one knew, and no one cared,
That from supreme grief and wrong
His breaking heart had leaped the song,
That trembled into glorious song.

A woman who from every cry
Had drunk life's glad and bitter streams,
Sat down and wrote a wondrous tale,
As sweet and bright as fairy dreams.
But no one knew, and no one cared,
From what tumultuous seas of thought
The soul in lonely voyages
Its paradise of life had brought.

The teacher with a burning heart,
With tongue as swift and hot as flame,
Led this wise and tender heart,
The world into its highest aim.
But no one asked, and no one knew,
Through what life-conviction, day by day,
He won the victory which cleared
For weaker hearts the higher way.

For each soul has one inner room
Where alone it seeks the grace
To struggle with the strongest power,
Its hardest destiny to face.
To lift the duty that it fears,
To love, to trust, through every doom,
And not the nearest, dearest heart
Go with it to that inner room.

'Tis there that souls learn how to sing;
'Tis there the truest knights are made;
There, with the sharp edge of her sword,
Great sorrow gives the accolade.
The weary and the sad to lift;
But who remembers that sad room,
Its strife and doubt, its grief and gloom,
From which they bring the precious gift.

MISS SCAMPER.

None at the Rappaquah Springs knew who Miss Scamper was, and few cared to know. She came with an old gentleman, who registered the pair as "S. Scamper and grand-daughter, N. Y. city." They were doubtless poor folk on a holiday. They had no servants with them. The old man wore a suit of rather dirty black, and his trunk, an antique leather conveyance, bore the letters "S. S." in brass-headed nails. The young woman's trunk—she had but one—was large enough, and of modern make, but it was apparently not well filled, since she had shown but three dresses all the three weeks she had remained. One of these, of rich material, she wore evenings; the other two, of some washable material, were worn alternately in day time. She had no jewelry beyond a plain gold brooch.

One of the eligible young men there said that "the Scamper had one Sunday-go-to-meet" and two work-day suits, for which his neighbor should have kicked him, but didn't. The eligible young man was looking for an eligible mate in the person of Miss Scamper, the great heiress, whom the society paper had said was coming to the Rappaquah; though, as she hadn't come, the Brown's young man of the society paper labored under a delusion. The match-making dowagers did not fear this modest, pretty, and well cultured young woman, for the gilded youth, who were also lying in wait for Miss Scamper, much more gilded, did not dangle in her train. Indeed, she had no train. Her business was to look after her poor old grandfather, who was not in good health, and with whom the waters seemed to agree. Didymus Dodd, who had scraped an acquaintance with old Scamper, as the fellows in the country called him, seemed to be her admirer; Didymus was nobody. He was well made, tall, handsome, and of good address; but he was only an upper clerk in a Philadelphia insurance company. To be sure, he would be superintendent after January, vice Higgins, retired and supernumerated, and would then draw a salary of \$5000 a year. But no one knew that, and the possible good fortune to poor Miss Scamper; and had they known, five thousand a year was no great matter. So the field was left to poor Miss Scamper and welcome.

Miss Scamper only began paying attentions to Didymus Dodd of courtesy, and because no one else did; but the more he saw of her the more he liked her, and it ended in his being badly hit. As he and she were the only unimpudent people at the old and old-fashioned resort—the other visitors counting their dolls—fell up in the hundred thousands—the matter attracted attention, and by way of getting both out of the way of marriageable sons and daughters, scheming mothers lent the affair all the quiet encouragement possible. And this passed into a more active nature from two little incidents that occurred about ten days before the end of the two months' vacation of Didymus.

There was a Mrs. De Nyse at the Springs, who was well-known as an amateur vocalist of merit, and whose voice, though a little really in the upper notes, had been trained so well as to make her worth a hearing. One evening, when a few were in the parlors, her friends besought her to favor them, and so on, and she expressed her readiness, but there happened to be no accompanist. Miss Scamper, who was chatting near by with Didymus, looked up, and quietly said:

"Perhaps I can serve that way, Mrs. De Nyse."

"Can you play at sight, Miss Scamper?" inquired Mrs. De Nyse.

Miss Scamper nodded assent, and seated herself at the piano-forte, and accompanied the voice with such judgment that the singer was delighted.

"I wish I could carry you about with me, my dear," she said. "But do you not sing?"

"A little."

Urged by all around, Miss Scamper, to her own accompaniment, sang an aria from "Il Trovatore." Her voice proved to be a rich soprano, of full register, clear as a silver bell, and admirably cultivated.

There was a moment's pause when she had done, as though not to lose a note, and then a storm of applause.

Here was a sensation. Everybody talked of her method, and the gilded youth were in raptures. The mamma conferred and

concluded that Miss Scamper was a member of some choir, or attached to some English opera troupe, who knew? But they were civil. There was a party going over to Almont, Colonel Parisfall's place, next day. Would she go? She assented. Didymus said to her in a low voice:

"It is a riding party, Miss Scamper. I know the best horse in the livery-stable here, and if you'll permit me, I'll secure it for you."

To which she replied in the same tone: "Thank you, Mr. Dodd; you are very kind; but I have one at command already. Get that for yourself."

Somewhat rebuffed, Didymus colored, but she added: "Mine shall not disgrace you," which was a distinct intimation that she expected him as escort. The spirits of Didymus rose from zero to blood heat.

The next morning as the riders were ready to start, a groom, known to be one of Colonel Parisfall's, rode up, leading a magnificent blooded bay horse, equipped with a side-saddle. As they were admiring the animal, Miss Scamper, in a neat riding-habit, made her appearance. The groom took off his hat. Didymus, not a little astonished, put forth his hand, and the lady vaulted to the back of the horse with easy grace. The cavalcade set out, Miss Scamper and Didymus together, and being better mounted than the others, were soon at the head of the column.

About a mile from the Springs there was a bar in the way. A lofty tulip-tree had been blown down during the night, and had fallen across the road, the trunk well up on account of the wide roots. Some one had already cleared a way by letting down fences on the road-side; but Miss Scamper did not go around with the rest. She faced the trunk, the horse went over and trotted on. Didymus faced to it. His brute got over, but half stumbled. Didymus was country-bred, had ridden horses to mill bare-backed, and was a half centaur when a boy; so he brought his horse up.

Miss Scamper smiled approvingly. Everybody admired the ease and grace with which Miss Scamper managed her horse, and Didymus more than everybody.

When they arrived at their destination, the party dispersed in the house and over the grounds. They found old Scamper there. He had gone on before in a carry-all. Almont was the property of Col. Almont, and was for sale, with its fine blooded stock of horses and cattle, its furniture, its library, and everything in the house and around it. The colonel and his family were in Europe, and intended to stay there while he educated his sons at Heidelberg. So he offered the whole—a house that cost a hundred and thirty thousand dollars, with all its offices of all kinds, stables, palmery, graperies, and greenhouses, furniture made to order, and overhundred hundred acres of land in a high state of cultivation—"for," as he said in his letter, "a mere song." So it was; but as it was set to the tune of three hundred thousand dollars, there were few who could read the music.

They all admired the place. The agent, who was there, seized on the Scampers and Didymus, to whom he showed and explained everything. Didymus was amused at this, and whispered to Miss Scamper: "He has picked out the only three who could not certainly buy it." Miss Scamper, by the twinkle in her eyes, evidently appreciated the fun of the situation. Then the agent seized old Scamper and dragged him off to look at the blooded horses and imported cattle, leaving Didymus and the girl together.

"How do you like the place, Mr. Dodd?" inquired she.

"Like it, Miss Scamper! Why, it is a garden of Eden; that is, to me, if I had it with an Eve in it."

The young lady smiled, and said: "You like country life then, Mr. Dodd?"

"Naturally," replied Didymus. "I lived in the country until I was twenty-two. I was born and bred there. I should have been there yet but for the death of both of my parents. I went to the city in search of fortune. I have done very well for the last seven years, and have put a little by; but to covet a place like this is like wishing for the moon."

"The country is the place to live in, and the city to work in," said Miss Scamper, sentimentally.

"To live in, I grant you, if you have the means—a good farm and money to work it. Otherwise you toil harder in the country than in town, with less comfort and less profit."

Then they discoursed on rural topics, with marvelous unity of sentiment, until the venerable Scamper and the agent got back, which was at the time the whole party, each with a nosegay furnished by the gardener from the greenhouses, was ready for the return to the Springs.

There were yet two days of the young man's vacation left, when he determined to place his fate at Miss Scamper's disposal at the first opportunity. The chance came that very night. That evening a number were seated on the veranda enjoying the moonlight. Miss Scamper sat apart from the rest, in heavy shadow, with her grandfather. The old gentleman rose when Dodd came, and left. Miss Scamper made room for Didymus at her side, and the two began to talk of the day's doings.

"By the by," said Didymus, "have you heard that Almont has been sold?"

"Yes."

"And to the great heiress, Miss Bolsover. I wonder if she will keep old maid's hall there?"

Miss Scamper laughed a low, silvery laugh. "I presume she will," she said, "unless she chance to marry. Wasn't that a sad accident at the mill to-day?"

"Very.

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 9, 1885.

BEN BUTLER is reported to have given up his intention of writing a book. How can we ever get along without it?

The few Adventists who had fixed upon Monday as the last day of the world were doomed to disappointment, and must try again, if, indeed, they really believe that the Lord will confide his plans to man.

ELABORATE preparations are being made at Philadelphia for the shipment of the liberty bell to New Orleans. It will take its departure on the 23d inst. on a special car, where it will remain during its stay in the Crescent city.

CHICAGO has 2000 armed socialists in her midst, it is said, who hold secret meetings and drills, and the army in that city is now guarded constantly—a sensible idea, in view of all the wild socialist talk, and the ever-present possibility of an uprising among the lower classes.

GROVER CLEVELAND is now a private citizen, having resigned the governorship of New York, Tuesday, in this admirably brief message to the Legislature: "I hereby resign the office of governor of the state of New York." Lieut. Gov. Hill was at once sworn in as his successor.

MISFORTUNES come in singular ways at times. At Bangor, Me., last Saturday night, some 200 barrels of kerosene from a burning storehouse ran into the river, impregnating the water for miles and ruining a splendid field of ice. An attempt is now being made to break up and clear the river so a new crop will form.

THAT Henry Ward Beecher's hold upon his people has not been materially weakened by his political course was pretty well demonstrated at the sale of pews in Plymouth church Tuesday evening. The amount realized was a little over \$27,000, about \$7500 less than last year, while a decrease of about \$10,000 had been expected, in consequence of the hard times. Mr. Beecher's salary is \$20,000.

MINNEAPOLIS is enjoying a remarkable growth even for a wide-awake Yankee city, her building record for last year comprising nearly 2000 residences and 300 other structures, erected at an outlay of \$7,531,000. The city had no existence 35 years ago; now it has a population of nearly 125,000, and is naturally inclined to crow a little. St. Paul cannot quite keep up with her younger sister, though her building outlay of \$7,266,000 in 1884 is not very far below that of Minneapolis.

THE Republican defeat seems to rankle in the heart of Chairman Jones, of the Republican national committee, and he has been trying to unload the responsibility for it upon President Arthur. But it is demonstrated pretty clearly that Mr. Arthur was not indifferent to the success of his party, but was ready to do anything he could with propriety to help it along. The fact is, the responsibility for the defeat lies further back than this—back even at the door of the Chicago convention, which courted defeat by its nominations, and is alone responsible for the defeat.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

Gov. Robinson's address to the Legislature yesterday, like all of his papers, is a plain, straightforward and business-like document, without any attempt at rhetorical display, but full of practical suggestions, and showing the careful and faithful attention the governor has given to the varied interests of the state. It shows that all the branches of the state government and all the charitable and reformatory institutions of the commonwealth are in a healthy and prosperous condition. The bonded debt of the commonwealth has decreased \$899,052 during the year, and a state tax of only \$1,500,000 will meet this year. The Troy & Greenfield Railroad and the Hoosac Tunnel properties are now owned by the state, and can be sold whenever it is deemed advisable. Tax-payers will be glad to learn that no special appropriation is needed for the Tunnel line for the present year. The depositors in the savings banks of the state have increased in number by 20,000 during the past year, and their deposits by \$11,000,000—a surprising fact, in view of the depressed condition of business.

The governor makes numerous and important suggestions. He would prohibit by law the parading under arms of any association or organization that is not subject to the military authorities. He would have schools for tramps, and would have the Legislature provide for the better supervision of schools in the sparsely settled portions of the state. He would have the law defining the duties of medical examiners modified so as to prevent unnecessary charges to the counties. He would make further provision for the insane in connection with existing institutions. He would have the state police increased, in order to have a larger force for the inspection of buildings. He recommends legislative action in regard to the practice of permitting contractors to pay convicts for overwork. These are practical matters, and the governor's recommendations tend to economy, efficiency and the promotion of the public welfare. He renews his recommendation for biennial sessions and elections with all the earnestness that is necessary. On this subject Governor Robinson speaks the sentiments of a large majority of the voters; and the Legislature will signify its assent to his suggestion by failing to discharge its duty if it neglects to take initiatory steps to such a change in the organic law. He also renews his recommendation for the more frequent payments of employees in manufacturing establishments. Governor Robinson's arguments are forcible and deserve careful attention. One of the most important recommendations is that advising legislation which will give the mayors of cities power to veto separate items in appropriation bills. He also suggests that the appropriations of cities be confined to a certain percentage of the valuation. The action laws are pronounced wise and useful. Amendments should be permitted only to perfect the system, and the ambiguity relative to their application to towns should be removed. The increased vote for license in the recent election is no argument for a lax enforcement of the present liquor laws. The provisions of the election laws should be extended so as to regulate the voting on license. The danger from cholera is alluded to, and the organic law is made that every town should have a permanent board of health. Thine suggestions are made relative to the management of cooperative insurance companies. Rigid economy in the use of the public money was never more needful than now, and the cordial cooperation of the executive in forwarding all the interests of the state is promised.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

A haunted house—one where a pretty girl resides.

The age that presents the greatest variety is the sausage.

As thin as a pocketbook after Christmas, is a good comparison just at this time.

Although a milkman covers his wagon to keep out the rain, the covering does not always prove water-proof.

Really quite down in the month—a young man's mustache that is just long enough for him to bite the ends thereof.

Eighteen inches of snow fell in our office this morning. It was in manuscript form, and dropped gently into our waste basket.

Now that the peach buds have been killed by the frost in Michigan, there is nothing to prevent the successful inauguration of Cleveland.

An exchange says that Milford, Ct., turkeys suffer from the cholera. The turkey collarer is a bad thing for the turkey owner, also.

Belva Lockwood is on a lecturing tour. Can it be that she has an eye on another nomination in '88? You'd better profit by Ben's experience, Belva.

A Woonsocket man kicks against having his wages attached for the funeral expenses of his wife's first husband. Some men are awful small about little things.

Five cents is the smallest coin in Manitoba. What does the rich man do when he wants to give the small boy a penny for running to the post office for him?

As the new treaty will, it is said, lower the price of imported sugar, we are liable to have the sand we buy at the grocers adulterated to a still further extent.

"Did you keep open house New Year's?" asks an exchange. Not much; we didn't. We kept the doors and windows closed, and the furnace running right up to the notch.

A Vermont clergyman called a skating rink, which one of the deacons had built, a "hell hole." We'll bet a nickel the parson got a free pass and had been trying the rollers.

"I long to hold communion with the spirit world," commences a poem. If the writer were allowed the privilege, he would doubtless get full of enthusiasm on the subject.

A Chinaman who has accumulated \$2,000,000 in the mines is going back to China to live. And still they claim that the heathen never can catch on to the methods of civilization.

Wanted—A piece of paper on which is the "mark of time;" a spoke from the "wheel of fortune;" a fragment from the "end of the world;" to see the mark on the man who was "conscience struck."

The savings bank deposits in the state average \$130 for every man, woman and child in the commonwealth. If some one will only tell us who is drawing interest on our other \$100 we will be very grateful to him.

It is a fixed law among the Apache Indians that a man must never see his mother-in-law if he can possibly avoid it. There is many a white man who at times is filled with a wish that he had been born an Apache.

"We will conclude the evening's entertainment by singing of the two hundred thirteenth page," said the superintendent at the close of a Sunday school concert, and couldn't imagine what made the congregation smile.

Bostonians are having a heap of trouble about that new drinking fountain on the common. If it drew something besides clear water, they would probably consider it the handsomest piece of work ever set up in that village.

"The Editor Shot!" is the way a western exchange heads an article giving an account of an assault upon its chief. We have frequently seen western exchanges when we should judge the editor had been "shot" for a mouth, steady.

"Is Tennyson the poet laureate?" asks a correspondent. We have not heard of Tennyson's decease, and would suppose that if Laura ate any poet, she would tackle one of more tender years. We hardly think Tennyson was the victim.

Talk about the dime novel with its sensational names, it can't hold a candle to the names of the Salvation Army soldiers: "Blood Washed Willie," "Fiddling Jim," "Immaculate Emma," "Singing Jennie," "Sanctified Isabella," and "Kalsouine Charles" are among the crowd at Hartford.

The Salvation Army is said to be reconnoitering this town, with a view to having a little skirmish with the devil hereabouts. —*Marlboro' Times.*

We are quite sure we don't know of one that needs skirmishing with more than Charlie, and hope the army will do him good.

The *Oberage Journal* says that "a few" of its subscribers are in arrears. We have scripture authority for it—I Peter, 3: 20—that "a few" means just eight. We congratulate Brother Pomeroy on having induced all but eight of his subscribers to settle up to date. What will induce you to work for us a while?

While we feel gratified to know that our exchanges think our "Notes" worth copying, it would please us more if they would give us credit for what they clip, instead of using our items as original. If an item is worth clipping it is worth crediting, and we ask you to give us credit for what you clip from us, as we do you.

THE NON-ADVERTISING MERCHANT. A non-advertising merchant, (any his tribe smaller grow) Awoke one night with sweat upon his brow And saw by the dim daylight in his room, Which made the place look somewhat like a tomb, An angel writing in a book of gold.

Exceeding check had made the merchant bold, And to the vision in his room he said: "What writest thou?"—The vision raised its head, Looked at him in a mocking way, and then Replied: "The names of those successful business men."

"And is mine one?" cried he. "Nay, 'tis not so," Replied the angel—Then he spoke again, And in a low voice said, "O, wilt thou, then, Write me as one whose business place is known unto his fellow men?"

The angel wrote and vanished. The next night it came again, and with a brilliant light Shined the names of those who'd failed in trade. And lo! the name of him who did not advertise stood at the head!

LOCAL NOTES.

Wanted—At once, a smart, energetic young man to canvass. Newspaper work. Apply at this office. Brooks Bros. carry rollers and ice skates. They offer present stock of flower pots and brackets at cost. It will pay to look at goods and ask prices.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.—The new American and European Novelty Store will open on Monday next some rare bargains in towels, cravats, Hamburg embroideries, etc. The depression in dry goods has enabled us to secure this lot of goods at one-half value, and we will give the people of Palmer and vicinity the benefit of these great bargains. This lot of goods will only last a few days, as the prices they will be sold at will soon clean them out. Ladies will do well to examine these goods. Respectfully, B. Butler.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

Those January bills! The new rink is just elegant, isn't it? R. L. Goddard left yesterday for a trip to Virginia.

Are you going to the New Orleans exposition? Palmer lodge 1, O. O. F. install officers this evening.

Wonder if Palmer will adopt the 24-o'clock system of time? Dr. J. K. Warren of Worcester, was in town yesterday.

There is a sort of diphtherial mildness in this kind of weather. Elder M. A. Potter of Worcester will preach at the Advent Chapel next Sunday.

Col. Stoughton left New London Wednesday for his new field of labor at the south. Holden & Ellis advertise to give you a cup of coffee free at their store to-morrow evening.

The annual church meeting of the Congregational society occurs next Tuesday evening. M. J. Kerigan has commenced the erection of a house on Park street, opposite the Advent chapel.

The installation of the officers of L. L. Merrick post G. A. R., occurs next Wednesday evening.

Some pausy blossoms as perfect as in summer were picked in a door-yard in this village last week. C. A. Brown is suffering severely from an attack of inflammatory rheumatism, having been sick several weeks.

George W. Ely has the sympathy of the community in the death of his wife, which occurred Tuesday afternoon.

One of the late arrivals in town, who is three weeks old to-day, boasts of having two teeth when but two weeks old.

The annual report of the Agricultural society is in the hands of the printer, and will be issued from this office next week.

All who are interested in forming a polo club in this place are requested to meet at the Park street rink next Monday evening.

Rev. Mr. Perry will speak next Sunday evening upon the question, "Is God just in visiting the iniquities of the fathers upon our children?"

Owing to the small attendance at the farmers' institute on Tuesday, the meeting of the stockholders was postponed until the next institute.

The boys enjoyed a little ice skating on Saturday and Monday, but their joy was of short duration, for the rain of Monday night ruined the ice.

Rev. Mr. Hunter will lecture to young men next Sunday evening at the Congregational church. Subject: "An account that would not balance."

The incorporators of the Palmer Savings bank held their annual meeting for the election of officers at the banking rooms next Monday at 2 p. m.

On account of the meetings of the week of prayer, the social of the young people of the Congregational church has been postponed for two weeks.

S. S. Taft starts to-morrow on a business trip of two or three weeks to the South, and will probably visit the New Orleans exposition before his return.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Palmer National bank, for the choice of directors, will be held at the banking rooms next Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Thomas lodge P. & A. M. have decided to hold a series of Masonic soirees at their rooms. The first one was to take place next Monday evening, but has been indefinitely postponed.

Rev. Mr. Hunt has recovered from his recent sickness, and services will be held at the Baptist church at the usual hours next Sunday. There will also be meetings on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings of next week.

It was discovered that the beams supporting the roof over the passageway from the New London Northern to the B. & A. tracks at the depot were settling somewhat, and posts have been placed under the centers to support the weight.

Traveling shows seem to give this town the go-by this season, very few having stopped here. Palmer has the name among traveling companies of being a bad place in which to get a decent-sized house, consequently we do not often get a show that is really good for anything.

Delegations from Morning Star chapter of Springfield and King Solomon's chapter of Warren paid a visit to Hampden Royal Arch chapter of this place Wednesday evening, and were treated to one of Landford Stone's fine collations at the Nassawano House.

The amount due the various towns in this vicinity from the sum paid for dog licenses, after the claims of sheep owners are paid, are: Palmer, \$260; Brimfield, \$101; Hampden, \$67; Holland, \$35; Ludlow, \$149; Monson, \$228; Wales, \$38; Wilbraham, \$88.

The annual sleigh-ride party from Springfield to the Weeks House came out in a car attached to the 7.05 express last Friday evening. There were 29 couples who made merry over one of Landford Weeks' excellent suppers, and returned by a special train at 1 o'clock a. m.

The meetings of the week of prayer at the Congregational church have been unusually well attended. A great amount of interest has been shown in these meetings, so much that it has been decided to hold special

gospel services on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings of next week, at which times there will be preaching by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Hunter.

At the session of the probate court in Springfield on Wednesday the following business for this section was transacted: Administration was granted on the estates of Harriet Dimmick and James Dimmick, late of Wales, Ezekiel Dimmick, administrator; John O'Sullivan, late of Ludlow, Timothy O'Sullivan, administrator. The will of H. C. N. Cross, late of Palmer, was approved. Charles M. Parker was appointed guardian of Emma E., Mary M., Edith B. and Carl Parker of Wilbraham, and an account was rendered in the estate of Albert Barleigh, late of Palmer.

Through what might be termed an accident, Palmer is to be favored with the presentation of Shakspeare's great tragedy, "The Merchant of Venice," with the celebrated tragedian, Mr. William Stafford, as "Shylock," and Miss Evelyn Foster as "Portia." The company, made up of 16 persons, with elaborate stage equipment, scenery and costumes, that are claimed to be far superior to anything ever seen here, will appear at Wales Hall to-morrow evening. This performance promises to be the event of the season in the amusement line.

Mr. Stafford and Miss Foster are endowed with a keen perception of the different phases of life and character, and basing their only claim to originality on truthfulness to nature in their art, by a faithful and conscientious discharge of their duty to the public they have placed themselves high in popular esteem. They have surrounded themselves with a company, all of whom have been selected for their individual fitness for roles assigned them, and having provided the most costly and attractive costumes, with due regard to historical correctness, feel confident that they will meet with a good house to-morrow evening. Seats 50 and 75 cents, on sale at Hitchcock's.

DISTRICT COURT. Business at the court has been decidedly dull this week. Thursday Charles C. Green of Monson was up for the larceny of a barrel of corned beef Dec. 18th, on complaint of C. H. Haskell. It seems that Green went to the express messenger at the depot and paid the express on the barrel, which was delivered to him, but he neglected to remove it, and it has stood on the depot platform since that day. He was discharged.

Daniel O'Connor of Three Rivers, indulged in a considerable quantity of fire water Wednesday night, and proceeded to give a crimson hue to the town after all good citizens were asleep. Yesterday the county treasury was enriched \$13.97 for his being drunk and disturbing the peace.

THE NEW SKATING RINK. The new skating rink on Park street was opened for the first time Wednesday evening, and the public showed that they appreciated a good thing by filling it to its utmost capacity. A good many came from the other villages, and nearly 200 skaters were on the floor, while the spectators' seats were all occupied. At 9.15 Prof. Bean made his appearance as a fancy skater and contortionist. Wonder where he got the title? As a fancy skater he did not amount to anything, while as a contortionist he only really good thing he did was the packing of himself in the box. After he had retired the skaters occupied the floor until 10.30. The rink was tastefully decorated with wreaths of evergreen, festoons of holly, and the national colors, while the floor was in splendid condition. The rink was pronounced by all to be the best of its size in this vicinity.

For the present it will be open on Monday evenings, and Wednesday, Friday and Saturday afternoons and evenings, with a session Wednesday and Friday mornings for beginners. The prices are: Afternoon 10 cents, evening 15 cents, use of skates 10 cents extra; at the forenoon sessions for beginners, 10 cents will be charged, including use of skates. Tickets good for six admissions will be sold for \$1, or six tickets for \$5. Music will be furnished one evening a week, probably on Wednesday.

THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE. Owing to the stormy weather there were about 25 present at the farmers' institute at the Weeks House on Tuesday. The question for discussion: "What are the best substitutes for grass in dry seasons?" was opened by W. R. Sessions of Hampden, who thought that every farmer should be prepared each season with a substitute, as it was very likely to be needed to a greater or less extent. If a farmer was overtaken with a dry season and had no extra fodder, he would advise the buying of grain to keep the cows in good flesh, as it was injurious to allow them to get poor. He thought a good plan was to sow winter rye for use in the earlier part of the season, and a spring sowing of barley, with oats and Hungarian later on, and considered a crop of fodder corn indispensable.

It. A. Rindge showed a specimen of "Teosinte," a new kind of forage plant, the seed of which is sown in May and cut in September. It has a heavy growth, the plant shown having eighteen stalks which sprang from one seed. It grows about six feet high, and has long narrow corn, but does not seed. Stock ate it readily and thrived upon it.

A number of farmers present reported that they were using ensilage with the best results, and all spoke well of the use of corn fodder.

The next institute will be held January 21th, when the subject for discussion is "General stock breeding, including neat stock, horses, sheep and swine."

BRIMFIELD. The second farmer's institute of the Worcester South agricultural society is to be held in this town January 22d.

The Hitchcock Free High school commenced the winter term on Tuesday with an attendance of 75 pupils. Others to come in will carry the numbers up to about 80.

EAST LONGMEADOW. Dea. R. E. Crane left this week for the New Orleans exposition.

The week of prayer is being observed by daily union meetings in the Congregational church.

W. L. Converse has erected an ice house and will supply the people of this village with ice the coming summer.

WEST WARREN.

Seaton Bros., having disposed of their business here to Farnell & Co., have purchased the Boston store at Ware.

Mr. Wood has nearly completed a handsome steamer which will launch in the spring to run between West Brookfield and Point of Pines.

The ladies of the M. E. society are to hold an oyster supper followed by a musical entertainment in their vestry on Thursday evening next.

LUDLOW.

Mrs. Samuel White presented to the first Congregational church and society last Sabbath a \$145 Clough & Warren organ.

Mr. and Mrs. Pliny Wright, who celebrated their sixteenth marriage anniversary a few weeks since, are both very sick and the recovery of either is exceedingly doubtful.

At the recent reorganization of the Methodist Sunday school Herbert N. Paine was elected superintendent, Charles B. Bennett and Miss Hattie M. Banister assistant superintendents.

THORNDIKE.

The repairing of No. 1 mill is nearly completed and much credit is due Mr. Thurston for the manner in which he has pushed the work.

The sale of pews in the Congregational church took place last Monday evening and was very satisfactory. For choice the prices ranged from five to ten dollars over last year.

The following named officers have been installed in the Star of Hope division, Sons of Temperance, for the ensuing quarter: W. P. Fayette Stone, W. A. M. R. Carter; R. S. Mrs. N. Page; A. R. S. Mabel Walker; F. S. O. E. Kinney; Treas.: Fred Carter; Chap.: W. Smith; Cont.: Howard Shaw; Asst. Com.: Miss S. Page; 1. S.: Fred Walker; O. S.: S. Carter. The division now numbers 53 members, and is in a prosperous condition financially.

BONDVILLE.

It is reported that A. P. Capen is to sell to Connecticut parties his farm in the south part of Belchertown.

Rev. Mr. Clarke sent a New Year's letter to each of his parishioners, urging them to renewed zeal in religious work.

The officers of the Methodist Sunday school for the present year are: Superintendent, F. A. Packard; assistant superintendent, Richard Russell; secretary and treasurer, E. B. Murdoch; librarian, C. E. Fuller.

At the meeting of Sparkling Water division Monday evening the following officers were installed by D. G. W. P. Hobson of Ludlow: W. P. Rev. Geo. H. Clarke; W. A. Mrs. Richard Russell; R. S. F. H. Proctor; A. R. S. Miss Nettie Lamb; T. M. A. P. Packard; F. S. Mrs. F. H. Proctor; Chap.: Thomas Russell; C. Wm. Morse; A. C. Miss Minnie Colver; 1. S. Miss Clara Collins; O. S. Lewis Holden.

BELCHERTOWN.

The skating rink has been discontinued for lack of patronage.

Four persons united with the Congregational church last Sunday.

A movement is on foot to require the barber shops to be closed on Sundays.

The funeral of Charles H. Chandler, of the Boston Herald editorial force, was held in this place on Monday, his death occurring from typhoid pneumonia on Saturday. At the commencement of the war he was a student in Amherst college, but enlisted in the 31st Massachusetts regiment, from which he was discharged on account of disease incurred in the service. In the autumn of 1836 he reentered college, graduating in 1840 with the second honor. From this time until 1871 he was employed in teaching, which he gave up to enter journalism. He has been employed on the *Herald* since 1877, and was highly esteemed by his associates and all who knew him. He was 45 years old, and left a wife and one child.

NORTH WILBRAHAM.

Preaching at Grace Chapel Sunday at 5.30 p. m. by Rev. G. W. Mansfield.

George Gates has returned from California, after a stay of about two years.

Steps have been taken to form a choir, which will add greatly to the interest of the services at the chapel.

Henry Warren is visiting for a short time the familiar scenes of his younger days, having spent two years in Dakota.

One of the water wheels at the paper mill got out of gear Monday, necessitating the drawing down of the water in the canal.

The ladies' benevolent association met for the first time this season with Mrs. Henry Cutler Wednesday afternoon and evening.

Thomas Downes, for a year baggage-master, left last Saturday night, clad in an extra suit of new clothes, obtained through the courtesy of the Russian pedlar, and leaving behind certain accumulating creditors, and a wife and child. He obtained his December pay at Springfield, which raised his hilarious feelings above the annoying recollections of the past. He is about 30 years of age, and a native of Pawtucket, R. I.

MONSON.

G. L. Keeney has sold his interest in the Central Hall skating rink.

There will be services at the usual hour at Central Hall next Sunday.

The display of holiday goods still continues with some of our merchants.

The ladies of the Universalist society contemplate holding another fair in a few weeks.

The Universalists have a social at Central Hall next Thursday evening, at which time the farce "Sarah's Young Man" will be presented.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Monson National bank will be held at the banking rooms next Tuesday at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

The meetings of the week of prayer have been well attended, and very interesting. Half of them have been union meetings, and the rest in the separate churches.

Smith & Wagner, the somewhat noted rum-sellers of Stafford, who started to run a billiard room in Moore's block, have sold out to Thomas Morrison. It was too hot for them.

Proprietors of billiard tables are petitioning the selectmen for license to run their tables, having just found out that they have been violators of the law for some time.

The windows of the G. A. R. room at

the town hall are in, and are very elegant affairs. The post may congratulate themselves on the beauty of their rooms and surroundings.

Rev. Mr. Byington was called to Vermont last Saturday by the death of his brother-in-law, and the communion services were deferred till next Sabbath, when Mr. B. will preach his New Year's sermon.

Arrangements have been made for a reading by Prof. Cunnock, to be given in Central Hall next Friday evening. Those who heard him when here last year liked him very much, and will doubtless attend, while those who have never heard him should not miss this opportunity.

The following names are on the roll of honor for the first month of the winter term in the No. 1 intermediate school: Addie Peck, Nellie Stacy, Hattie Gough, Cora McGrath, Edith Rathbun, Alice King, Julia Keefe, Mary Ryan, Frank McGrath, Archie Mercland, Fiske Bacon, Elton Bartlett, James Closson, Arthur Rice, Robert Wallace, Daniel Gallivan, John Carlan, Edie Peck.

The following scholars have been perfect in attendance during December, in No. 1 primary school: Florence Bugbee, Winnie Bacon, Carrie Chapin, Ida Cortis, Bertie Dutton, Hetty Dutton, Delia Foley, Katie Haley, Katie Hart, Ellen Hart, Ola Hathaway, Esther Keep, Mary Mencland, Julia O'Brien, Katie Parker, Ethel Root, Katie Ryan, Ellen Ryan, Addie Rathbun, Sadie Whiting, George Bugbee, Lankie Closson, George Field, Arthur Field, Willie Gough, Patsy Hart, Allie Johnson, Harry Needham, Arthur Morrison, Clarence Nanghton.

The names of those who have not been tardy or absent during the last month in the No. 1 grammar school are: Arthur Anderson, Harry Chapin, Michael Foley, John Lynch, Willie O'Brien, Charlie Whiting, Mary Harlow, Mabel Park, Minnie Smith, Hattie Stacy, Helen Tucker, Sadie Parker.

Dayspring lodge, F. & A. M., will install these officers next Wednesday evening: Dr. Geo. E. Fuller, W. M.; W. H. Gath, S. W.; Chas. R. Burlington, J. W.; J. H. Thompson, Treas.; C. L. Peck, S. R.; Rev. Albert Hammett, C. W. A. Charles, M. D. W. Letter, S. D.; Fred Broadway, J. D.; Fred Fay, S. S.; G. L. Fuller, J. S.; Ralph Clifford, 1. S.; M. D. Cushman, T. S.

RAD ON A REB-HOLE. The law-abiding citizens do not mean to harbor Stafford's out-cast rum-sellers if they can avoid it, and a search warrant was accordingly sworn out against Smith & Wagner, the proprietors of the billiard room in Moore's block, and who were supposed to be dealers in the ardent.

It was served on Monday night by officer Palmer of Palmer, who found evidences of liquor dealing, and also found three bottles of liquor in the pockets of one of the men. They were taken to Palmer for trial, which was held Tuesday, and at which officer Palmer swore he took the liquor from the person of Wagner, on the premises occupied by him, while officer Thompson of this place, who assisted in the raid, swore that it was taken from the person of Smith, and on the bar-shop premises. Smith and Wagner were fined \$50 each for running a billiard table without a license, and \$50 each for keeping liquor with intent to sell. An appeal was taken in each case. In view of the directly conflicting testimony of the two officers, there is a good deal of speculation as to how the case will come out. The raid caused a good deal of excitement on the street, and a large crowd gathered.

WARE AND VICINITY. The Clipper base ball club hold a social dance at Music Hall this evening.

The subject of Rev. H. Matthews' sermon next Sunday evening is: "Christ's last words to his mother."

The stockholders of the Ware National Bank have their annual meeting next Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Messrs. Nichols & Gage dressed two pigs this week for Chas. D. Gilbert, which were but 6 months old, yet weighed 674 lbs.

Henry M. Hitchcock has just painted two

Would We Be Willing?

Would we be willing, if the summer came,
To counteract this life, to live the same
Once more?
Say pain and joy, and poverty and wealth,
Good days and dark days, illness and health,
Lived over?

The new life just as the old has been;
To find like friendship and the viler men
As yesterday?
And would it pay? Like, like a play,
Is relished as we go, from day to day—
But say?

Not many a play is worthy of recall;
Theaters only by one occasion, and curial fall;
They go away,
And shifting scenes, and music long and drear
Grate on the listless weary ear.

We dread the play:
And so, as children find of toys and sleep,
At the close of life, we leave less and less to keep
'Tis here always.

And then so many that have gone before,
And carried hopes to a brighter shore,
Are saying: Come!

Those about long, with anxious gaze,
Leading and lighting the darkest ways,
Would call us home.
Would we be willing to refuse their prayer?
Ah, no! Some day we'll greet them there—
Some day!

—Row Kirk.

HER JOURNEY.

When the doctor came down stairs from
the sick-room of Mrs. Marshall the whole
family seemed to have arranged themselves
in the hall to waylay him.

"How soon will mamma dit well?" asked
little Clyde, the baby.

"Can mamma come down stairs next
week?" asked Katy, the only daughter and
the little housekeeper.

"Do you find my wife much better?"
asked Mr. Marshall, eagerly. He was a
tall, grave man, pale with anxiety and
nights of watching.

The doctor did not smile; he did not
even stop to answer their questions.

"I am in a great hurry," he said, as he
took his hat: "I must go to a patient who
is dangerously ill. This evening I will call
again. I have left instructions with the
nurse."

But the nurse's instructions were all con-
cerning the comfort of the patient; she was
professionally discreet and silent. The
children playing on the stairs were told to
make no noise. The gloomy day wore on
and the patient slept and was not disturbed.

But that night, before they went to bed,
they were allowed to go in and kiss their
mother good-night. This privilege had been
denied them lately, and their little
hearts responded with joy at the invitation.

Mamma was better or she could not see
them. The doctor had cured her. They
would love him for it all their lives!

She was very pale, but smiling, and her
first words to them were:

"I am going on a journey."
"A journey?" cried the children. "Will
you take us with you?"

"No; it is a long, long journey."
"Mamma is going to the south," said
Katy; "the doctor has ordered her to. She
will get well in the orange groves of
Florida."

"I am going to a far distant country,
more beautiful even than the lovely south,"
said the mother faintly, "and I will not
come back."

"You are not going alone, mamma?"
asked Katy.

"No," said the mother in a low, sweet
voice. "No, I'm not going alone. My
Physician goes with me. Kiss me good by,
my dear ones, for in the morning before
you are awake I shall be gone. You will
all come to me when you are ready; but
each must make the journey alone."

In the morning she was gone. When
the children awoke their father told them
of the beautiful country at which she had
safely arrived while they slept.

"How did she go? Who came for her?"
they asked amid their tears.

"The chariot of Israel and the horsemen
thereof," their father told them solemnly.

"People wonder at the peace and happi-
ness expressed in the faces of these mother-
less children. When asked about their
mother, they say: 'She has gone on a
journey,' and every night and morning
they read in her guide-book of that land
where she now lives, whose inhabitants
shall no more say 'I am sick,' and where
God himself shall wipe all the tears from
our eyes."—*Detroit Free Press.*

The newspaper man and the poli-
tician—History of two lives:
Industry, Laziness,
Want, Competence,
Savings, Beggary,
A home, The poorhouse,
Happiness, Despair,
Long life, Death,
Remembered, Forgotten.

—Philadelphia Call.

What do you charge for pulling teeth?"
asked a countryman of a dentist.

"Fifty cents without pain."
"Ah, how much when it hurts?"
"Twenty-five cents."
"All right, mister. My old woman'll be
up here sometime durin' the forenoon with
a jumpin' tooth, and you jest yank it out
and tell her the charges are all paid.
There's a quarter."—*Detroit Post.*

A man is always a fool. If he be young,
the world says: "When he is older he will
know more. If he be older, it says:
"He is old enough to know better." And
when he is old, it says: "There is no kind
of a fool equal to an old fool."

All great men have some eccentric habit,
and now that Sitting Bull is becoming civi-
lized he is not an exception. Whenever
the great chief appears at dinner, he care-
fully unfolds his napkin, spreads it on his
chair, and sits upon it.

"Some men are born great, some achieve
greatness, and some have greatness thrust
upon them," remarked a small man in a
street car as a fat woman sat square down
on him.

"Why, John," said his mother, as she
caught him stealing her cake: "I am sur-
prised." "So am I," was the reply, "for I
didn't know you were at home."

When Clara was asked what she would
do if a nice young gentleman would ask
her hand in marriage, she naively replied:
"I don't think I'd no."

What is Vegetine?—It is a compound extracted
from bark, roots and herbs. It is nature's remedy

CHARMED BY A BOA.

"Have I had any experience with snakes?"
Well, now, do I look like a man who has
spent 30 years knocking round the earth
varmints, and never saw snakes? I've
had them all over me—rattlers, cobras,
milk snakes, all slippery things, from the
spitting adder in the green-brier district of
old Tennessee to the mottled anaconda of
Brazil."

"But the tropical snakes are what I
should not care to handle myself," said the
listener.

"Oh, I got used to cobras and kept my
weather eye open for all jungle reptiles.
A female cobra will put out and follow
the bloody trail of her dead mate and the
chap who slew him all day and for many
days as tireless as a peddler's dog, and
there's going to be fun when she catches
up, mind me. Talk about magnetizing—
your big, lusty, timber-backed con-
tractor is the chap for that, when he's on
the rampage for food. I remember a little
bout I had in Africa once with a boa. I
shan't forget it in a hurry, and I got my
first dash of gray hairs that day. I won-
der I didn't get as gray as a badger. My
teeth were as loose as a string of beads for
two weeks. Folks thought I had the old,
home-made Illinois ague. I shook so,
whenever anybody snuggled, 'Boa coming!'"

"I was with a party of Englishmen hunt-
ing tigers, jaguars, and leopards, and after
an unsuccessful tramp through jungle and
morass, we stopped for a cold snack from
hamper. I grew infernally sleepy and
lazy afterwards, and the party left me to
smoke. I had a mind to follow, and then
again a mind to take a rest as the spread-
ing trees made a grateful shade, and I was
safe there from prowling beasts, the natives
said. Soon I began to have the pleasant-
est dreams a man ever had, and saw the
most gorgeous visions. Talk about hash-
ish and opium smoking; they ain't a
patching to my feelings. My head drooped
lower, and I felt as if in the seventh heaven.
I wasn't actually asleep, nor exactly
awake. Suddenly I came to myself just as
sound as a nut, and knew that I had been
magnetized by a boa. I swept my hand
across my eyes, and there he was, hanging
from a limb near me, his bright, glittering,
serious eyes wide open, charming me while
making ready to drop on me. Although I
saw death yawning for me, I was in a
nightmare, and couldn't move to save my
life. Then I felt, with a thrill of unutter-
able horror, that he had begun to wrap
himself about me in that last embrace. My
limbs grew cold, and one little squeeze
made me scream out in agony. My God!
Would no one come? Already that strong,
and musky odor made me faint and sick.
Another coil half made, when I felt a rude
shock, the boa tightened his grip for an
instant, then loosened it as his head was
violently jerked by the lass thrown by
Capt. Luxbridge, an old tiger slayer.
Bang! bang! went four guns, and the boa
lay dead—a monster, fourteen feet long
and as thick as a young tamarind tree. I
wanted to come home, and I did.

"But I went back to India after snakes
the next year. There's a sort of charm in
it, you see."—*Missouri Republican.*

There is a virtuous fear which is the
effect of faith; and there is a vicious fear
which is the product of doubt. One fears
to lose God, the other fears to find Him.

Those deeds of charity which have
done shall stay forever with us; and that
wealth which we have so bestowed we
will only keep: the other is not ours.—*T. Mil-
dleton.*

At a railway station the other day two
young swells were standing beside a news-
paper seller, who was a little crazy and
very witty. Thinking to take their fun off
him, they said: "Can you tell us how many
it takes to make a hundred?" The seller
replied: "Yes, I'm one and you're two
natchings."

The following amusing telegraphic cor-
respondence between brothers, regarding a
"new arrival," was had one day last week.
The names are omitted for obvious
reasons: "To:—It's a boy. Weight
eight pounds. Father, mother and child
doing well." "To:—Congratulations;
considering that it's the first time I
was ever made a uncle, I am doing well
myself."

Injurious to the Public Health.
I have this day made a chemical examina-
tion of samples of baking powder pur-
chased by me in the open market and marked
Cleveland's Superior Baking Powder, and
Royal Baking Powder.

These powders contain:
Cleveland's
Cream of Tartar.
Bicarbonate of Soda.
Flour.

Royal
Cream of Tartar.
Bicarbonate of Soda.
Carbonate of Ammonia.
Tartaric Acid.
Starch.

The relative amount of pure Carbonic
Acid Gas produced by 10 grams of each of
these powders is as follows:
Cleveland's, 658 cubic centimeters.
Royal, 577 cubic centimeters.

In view of these facts I regard Cleve-
land's as superior to the Royal because:
I. CLEVELAND'S contains only pure and
unobjectionable materials while the ROYAL
contains Ammonia, a drug derived from
disgusting sources, powerful in its action
upon the system. The adulteration of
baking powder with Ammonia is in my
opinion an injury to the public health. It
deserves the severest condemnation, and
should be brought to the attention of physi-
cians and boards of health throughout the
country.

II. The quantity of pure Carbonic Acid
Gas yielded by CLEVELAND'S is greater
than that produced under like condi-
tions by the ROYAL.

CLEVELAND'S BAKING POWDER being
pure and free from Ammonia, Alum, Terra
Alba, or any adulteration whatever, and
having great leavening power, I do not hesi-
tate to recommend as worthy of public
confidence for producing light, digestible,
and wholesome bread.

Boston, Mass., Aug. 14, 1884.
JAMES F. BABCOCK,
State Assayer and Analytical and Consult-
ing Chemist; late Professor of Chemistry
in Boston University and Massachusetts
College of Pharmacy.

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commended it to all within my reach. Hood's Sar-
saparilla has been worth everything to me."—LUTHER
D. ROBBINS, E. Thompson, Ct.

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—AND—
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the price places them within the reach of all.
WE SHOW THEM WITHOUT CHARGE.
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Absolutely pure, selected, garden grown SPICES,
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Are kept up to the standard quality.
NEW RAISINS, Best FLAVORING EXTRACTS,
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Our stock embraces a better variety than ever
before, and our prices are right.
Respectfully,
WELD & LONGLEY.
Palmer, Nov. 13th, 1884.

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IF YOU WOULD BE BENEFITED.

No man is better known along the line of the Har-
lem R. R. than Conductor Trowbridge. He writes as
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"CONDUCTOR'S ROOM, HARLEM DEPOT,
NEW YORK, Feb. 1884.

Dear Sir: I take pleasure in saying a good word
for DR. DAVID KENNEDY'S FAVORITE REMEDY.
I have used it for two years for dyspepsia and de-
rangement of the liver, and can say with emphasis
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FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 16, 1885.

Special Notice.

A great many new names have been added to our list in the past two months, and to still further increase our list we make the following offer: We will send a copy of the JOURNAL for one year, free, to any person (or to any address they may desire) who shall send us the names of three new subscribers, with \$5.25, before March 1st. With very little effort you can aid us, and secure your local paper free for one year, or have it sent to some friend. Will you not send us the names?

It is reported that President Arthur will give a reception to Mr. Cleveland next month, if agreeable to the president-elect.

A BATTLE, with Mexican matadors, has been planned for the entertainment of visitors at New Orleans, but Gov. McEnery has had the good judgment to put a stop to the scheme.

Mrs. MYRA CLARK GAINES, whose fame as a litigant has become national through her half century of law-suits against the city of New Orleans to recover her father's property, died at New Orleans last Saturday.

The late Gov. Coburn of Maine, who was never married, and was the richest man in the state, made public bequests amounting to a million dollars, Colby University receiving \$200,000, and various Baptist societies coming in for generous sums.

GEN. BUTLER has sued the Boston Herald for \$25,000 damages for publishing an article over a year ago reflecting upon his conduct during the war. The general's anger rises slowly, and he apparently wants to make good his expenditures in the presidential campaign.

CALIFORNIANS are opening their eyes in amazement and expressing not a little dissatisfaction at a decision of a San Francisco judge admitting an American-born Chinese girl to the public schools of that city. No other decision would have been in accord with justice, the 14th amendment, or a state law providing common facilities in the public schools, but race prejudices are too strong in that latitude to look at matters concerning the Chinese with judicial clearness or fairness.

The third annual meeting of the citizens' law and order league of the United States, of which ex-Gov. John D. Long is president, is to be held in New York February 22 and 23. The league asks clergymen to address their congregations on the 22d upon the subject of a better enforcement of the liquor traffic restrictions, and to unite in prayer with their people that the curse of drunkenness may be removed from the land. It is proposed to make Washington's birthday a law and order day throughout the Union.

The committees of the Massachusetts Legislature were announced on Monday, and the legislative machinery is now in shape to grind out business. Senator Sessions of Hampden is chairman of the committee on towns, and is also on the committee on agriculture and roads and bridges. Senator Walker of Hampshire is chairman of the insurance committee. Representative Tucker of Monson is given a place on the agricultural committee, and Representative Warren of Hampden will help look after the public charitable institutions.

BELVA LOCKWOOD, the presidential candidate of the equal rights party in the late campaign, has petitioned the United States Senate to count the votes cast for her in several states, and to throw out the vote of New York, because Cleveland would not have been awarded a majority of all the votes cast if the 1336 votes polled for her had been counted. She also wants the electoral vote of Indiana given to her, because "after the electoral college of that state had cast its vote for the aforesaid Grover Cleveland it changed its mind, as it had a legal right to, and did cast its united ballot for your petitioner." Belva's experience as a tricyclist has evidently taught her to "tri, tri again."

A REPORT that Gen. Grant is threatened with cancer of the tongue has caused no little anxiety among his friends. It seems that when at Long Branch last summer the trouble became serious, and in September a swelling at the back of the tongue had increased so that the general spoke and swallowed with difficulty. The extraction of a troublesome tooth gave relief, and the physicians ordered him to smoke only the first half of a cigar three times a day. For a week the general voluntarily cut down his usual 12 or 15 cigars to half of one cigar daily, and then quit altogether. Singularly enough, he has experienced no ill effects from this sudden breaking off of an old habit, and has improved greatly.

WM. H. VANDERBILT did a noble and generous act last Saturday, in presenting to Mrs. Grant the debt and judgment of \$150,000 which he held against Gen. Grant, for money loaned him last May; also the mortgage upon his real estate, furniture and ornaments, with the condition that, at the general's death, the sword, commissions, gifts and articles of historical value should be presented to the government at Washington for preservation. Mrs. Grant, however, declined the unselfish offer. It seems probable that the nation will at last do something for Gen. Grant, a bill authorizing the president to place him on the retired list, with full pay, having passed the Senate Wednesday, and it will undoubtedly go through the House without trouble. This will give the general an additional income of \$13,000 per annum.

Capt. Charles W. Folger, only son of the late secretary of the treasury, died of consumption at Geneva, N. Y., last Sunday morning, at the age of 40 years.

The Spanish village of Granada was moved 75 feet from its original position by the recent earthquake, without a single house being demolished.

Gov. Long is one of the brightest and ablest men in Massachusetts. His speeches have an unconventional freshness and vigor that make them delightful reading, but the pleasure the types impart is tame indeed compared with the breezy exhilaration which the governor's oratory inspires.—Montpelier (Vt.) Watchman.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

A Thomas concert (not Theodore) two felines on the back fence.

A picture of the editor of the Peabody Press appears on its eighth page this week.

"Flour is going up," remarks an exchange. The yeast in it doubtless caused the rise.

Why is the average coal dealer like a cat watching for a mouse? Because he is lying in wait.

It's an awful mean man who keeps the two-cent stamp enclosed him for reply, and answers on a postal card.

Did the man who was "rooted to the spot" ever succeed in becoming "thru the plant" in that position?

"Clara Louise Kellogg gets \$600 per night for 20 nights for singing. We couldn't be hired to sing for \$6000 a night—We value our life too highly.

The man who took a \$20 overcoat from the dummy in front of a clothing store and left a \$2 one in its place, was a firm believer in free trade.

You may talk about the "strength of mind over matter," but there are few minds that can successfully compete with boarding-house butter.

A correspondent signing herself "Aggie," sends us a poem entitled "What fun to go to sleighing!" Yes; but you're had precious little fun in that line this season, Aggie, dear.

If water had a taste of sin
How it would discolor run and gin.
—Governor Herald.

If water had the taste of rye,
It might be used to "wet the eye."
—Richmond Editor.

If water had the taste of cherry,
How frequently we should get merry.
—Milton News.

If water had the taste of beer,
How often the boys would feel quite queer.

YE ARRESTED STEUBEN.
Good morning Mr. Editor:
I've called on you today,
To commence the new year fair and square
And for my paper pay.

"Your paper is a good one,
It's just the thing we need;
It gives us all the local news,
What we like most to read.

"But your price is rather high, sir:
One seventy-five a year;
Why isn't made a dollar'n a half
Seems just a little queer.

"Couldn't you let me have it for that, sir?
Seem that I am one
Who's taken your paper steady—
Ever since 'twas first begun."

The editor had listened unmoved,
But at this he could stand no more;
"I'll be glad to take your money,
The funeral takes place to-morrow
At fifteen minutes past four.

The Massachusetts railroad commissioners report that the length of railroad in this state is 1973 miles, an increase of 20 miles during 1884. Eighty-two per cent of the whole mileage is laid in steel. The net income of the roads last year was \$11,048,000—an increase of \$148,000. The freight tonnage was 20,275,000, and the number of passengers carried was 66,517,000. The number of persons killed and injured was 457, of this number 181 being fatal. The commissioners say that it would cost \$100,000,000 to abolish all grade crossings in the state.

Kentucky comes to the front with a mode of duelling which is not likely to become popular. The conductor and brakeman of a freight train got into a dispute about a woman and agreed to fight it out on the top of the train, which was running at a high rate of speed. They accordingly climbed to the top of a car, drew their bowie knives, and slashed away at each other while the rest of the train hands looked on. They were fearfully cut before being separated, and had to be taken to a hospital.

Jack Crawford of Indiana, who was sent to state prison 16 years ago for a murder committed, has been pardoned by Gov. Porter of that state, and his reasons for so doing are the slimmest that have been given to the public for some time. He claims to have been visited by a vision of Crawford, with "the most beseeching and reproachful look imaginable upon his face," which appeared to him until he promised to issue the pardon. It was his last official act, and he sent \$50 with the pardon.

Pittsburg, Pa., offers Francis Murphy, the temperance apostle, an inducement to locate there for good. Prominent men of the place have subscribed sums ranging from \$100 to \$1000 toward raising a working fund, and he will be invited to the ministry of a church to be known as the "church of gospel temperance." Mr. Murphy has done good work in the city, over 18,000 people having signed the pledge in eight weeks.

The Bell Telephone Company is in luck again. They have been granted a preliminary injunction against the Pennsylvania Overland company, restraining the latter from using a transmitter and receiver in the manufacture of telephones, claimed to be an infringement on a patent owned by the Bell people. The injunction is only temporary, but it is understood this decision practically settles the matter in this case.

The Detroit Post sends this parting shot after ex-Gov. Begole of Michigan: "He was an unique and peculiar figure in the history of Michigan; and we shall not look upon his like again, as long as the people of the state retain their common sense. With all his faults, he had the rare virtues of consistency and reliability; he never neglected an opportunity to blunder, and never failed in the attempt."

A meeting is called at Cincinnati the 24th inst., the object of which is to take the first step toward raising an Irish-American parliamentary fund which will yield \$100,000 a year. This fund is to be applied to paying salaries of Irish members who are not men of fortune, and cannot afford the expenses attached to a residence in London and the service of their country.

The scare of Chicago having 2000 armed socialists in her midst has been dispelled by an investigation of the News of that city which says that the actual number of men in all the socialistic military companies in the city is not over 100, and intimates that the scare is fostered in the interest of a larger appropriation for the local militia.

LOCAL NOTICES.

Another lot of those blocks of blank paper now ready at this office. Just the thing for school children. Only 5 cents.

EXTRAORDINARY BARGAINS.—We shall on Monday next put on sale about 100 pairs embroidered corsets, worth 75 cents; our price will be 35 cents. They won't last long, and it will pay to secure them at once. The unheard-of low prices for our line goods that we advertised last week have brought us many customers. Please come at once and secure these great bargains at our new store under the Nassau Hotel.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

C. A. Brown is considered a little more comfortable to-day.

The employees at the express office are suffering from mumps.

Rev. Mr. Hunter will preach at Thorn-dike next Sunday afternoon.

Enos Calkins and wife are at New Haven for a few days, visiting friends.

The reading circle meets this evening at the parsonage on Pleasant street.

The singing school will commence hereafter at ten minutes before seven.

A. S. Whitcomb is moving into the house recently occupied by Dr. Downing.

The pay car gladdened the hearts of the boys on the Ware River road on Monday.

The regularly monthly union temperance meeting has been postponed from next Sunday evening.

Read our offer to any one sending us three new names, at the head of the first column on this page.

More snow. Though not enough to make the sleighing first-class, a good many runners are out to-day.

Mrs. James Williams of Chatham, N. Y., is in town for a few weeks' visit with her mother, Mrs. S. Edgerton of Park street.

The New London Northern road sells excursion tickets to the grand winter carnival at Montreal for \$10, good for the round trip.

A different view of the depot fence question will be found in another column. We would like to hear from still others on the subject.

The young people of the Congregational church will hold their next social at the house of Mrs. J. B. Shaw on South Main street next Friday evening.

The report of the treasurer of benevolences of the Congregational church for the past year shows an increase of nearly \$100 over the previous twelve months.

The new blocks of Clark & Hastings and Fosket & Holbrook have been painted a neat shade, but we cannot say that we admire the looks of the buildings from Main street.

In renewing his subscription for another year, a subscriber writes: "My wife cannot do without the JOURNAL. Therefore I enclose \$1.75 for that indispensable necessary for another year."

The Universalists had a very pleasant social at their church parlors Wednesday evening, when W. W. Leach gave the third talk in the series of short lectures, his subject being the constitution of the country.

Those conductors which carry the drainage from the roof of the Converse House down upon the sidewalk are making it dangerous walking there for passers by, and many uncomplimentary things are said about the owners of the block.

Holden & Ellis lost a horse at Three Rivers last Saturday. He became frightened and ran, going down a slight embankment. As he did so the heavy wind blew the wagon over upon him, hurting him so badly that he had to be killed.

Rev. A. M. Higgins, formerly of this place, who has been pastor of the Christian Union church in New Bedford for ten years, advises his society to get a new minister, as he thinks he has accomplished all the good he can for them.

The young people of the Universalist society are to give an oyster supper and social dance next Friday evening. The reputation of this society for furnishing good things to eat and a good time will no doubt ensure the success of this entertainment.

One man in town who says he swore off on the first day of the month and has not drunk a drop since, claims to have gained a pound a day in weight. We do not claim to be a "Judge" in such matters, and so do not know whether it is a remarkable record or not.

The annual meeting of the Congregational society was held Tuesday evening. Rev. Mr. Hunter was chosen clerk, and S. W. Lawrence treasurer; O. P. Allen, treasurer of benevolences; also superintendent of Sunday school; A. E. Park and Mrs. J. B. Shaw, assistant superintendents; Myron Lawrence, secretary and treasurer; G. F. Brown, librarian.

The evening meetings this week at the Congregational and Baptist churches have been very largely attended, and a great deal of interest manifested. At the Baptist church meetings will be held on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings of next week. Meetings will also be held at the Congregational church on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Palmer National Bank on Tuesday, the officers chosen were: President, James B. Shaw of Palmer; vice president, L. E. Moore of Palmer; directors—J. B. Shaw, A. H. Willis of Boston, J. N. Leach, S. W. French, R. L. Goddard of Palmer, E. Fairbanks of Warren, L. E. Moore, J. F. Holbrook, Chas. B. Fisk of Palmer; clerk, Chas. B. Fisk.

Our subscription list has shown a marked increase in the past few weeks, but there are still many names which should appear there which do not. If each subscriber would only exert himself, we are sure he could send us at least one new name, which would make our list second to none among the country weeklies of the state, and we hope every subscriber will make an effort to send at least one new name.

Persons who call the telephone central office should wait until the operator at the switch-board speaks, so as to find out who is there before making any remarks. A nice young man called central office one morning this week, and, supposing that a certain operator was there, commenced his remarks as soon as he heard his line

switched into. It was not the one he supposed it to be, however, and he would now give a good share of his week's pay if he had only waited.

From the report of the agricultural society, issued from the JOURNAL job department this week, we find that the expenses of the society the past year were \$1656.77, of which \$982.80 was paid in premiums at the cattle show last September, or nearly \$155 more than they paid last year. The reports of the committees are made much more complete than formerly, showing an increasing interest in the affairs of the society. The assets of the society, above all debts, amount to \$4852.

The following officers were installed by L. L. Merrick post, G. A. R., on Wednesday evening: Charles Upham, commander; E. A. Kirk, senior vice commander; Dr. Wm. Holbrook, surgeon; C. W. Cross, officer of the day; G. O. Henry, quartermaster; J. H. Smith, adjutant; Rev. E. A. Perry, chaplain; C. P. Stone, sergeant-major; Carlos Needham, officer of the guard; E. L. Davis, quartermaster-sergeant. Delegates were chosen to attend the department convention at Boston the 29th and 30th of this month.

Our columns are always open for communications on any subject of interest, and we would be glad to have our readers give their opinions on such matters at any time. The name of the writer will not be published unless desired, but we must have it to protect ourselves, as by publishing a communication we by no means endorse it. It is published to let our readers know what other people think on the subject, as of course every person has an opinion of his own, and very naturally all people do not think alike.

A fellow with a subscription paper was around town yesterday soliciting subscriptions for the purpose of "giving a surprise to his father-in-law." He claimed to live in Thorn-dike, then that his father-in-law lived there, and finally claimed a residence in half a dozen different places. This is a swindling game of the thinnest kind, and whoever gave him anything must have been very foolish indeed. One name on his list read "damn fool, 25 cents," and we think it was correct.

We give this week a summary of the district court business for the past year. During 1884, while we had no license, the business was much smaller, the total number of cases of drunkenness, assault and disturbing the peace, the two latter almost always arising from the use of liquor, being 26 less than last year, while other cases, which were caused either directly or indirectly from the use of intoxicants, were also much less in number. Many of the offenders this year were young fellows under 21 years of age. Here is a point for our citizens to think over.

The Stafford-Foster troupe, which was advertised to play "The Merchant of Venice" at Wales Hall last Saturday evening, did not put in an appearance. The manager telephoned on Friday night to know how many tickets had been sold, and finding that few seats had been taken, telegraphed to G. L. Hitchcock Saturday morning that the company would not appear. A bill at this office for work done, as well as several other bills, were left unsettled. The manager did not act in a fair manner in the matter, but did his business in an underhanded sort of a way which does not speak well for the troupe.

The corporations of the Palmer Savings Bank held their annual meeting Monday afternoon and made choice of the following officers: President, Charles L. Gardner of Palmer; vice presidents, Enos Calkins of Palmer, P. P. Potter of Wilbraham, Lyman Dimock of Palmer; trustees, Ira G. Potter of Wilbraham, R. L. Goddard and James B. Shaw of Palmer, George Moores of Thorn-dike, Chas. B. Fisk, J. S. Holden, H. G. Loomis, O. P. Allen and Stillman Ellis of Palmer, George C. Buell of Three Rivers, O. B. Smith of Bondville; secretary, S. S. Taft of Palmer; treasurer, L. E. Moore; auditors, Chas. B. Fisk and S. S. Taft; board of investment, Enos Calkins, P. P. Potter, George Moores, J. B. Shaw and C. L. Gardner.

Through the kindness of Judge Robinson we present our readers with this summary of the cases which were before the district court in this place for the year 1884:

Violations of liquor law,	25
Drunkenness,	103
Search warrants for liquors,	5
Indecent exposure,	1
Commitment as tramps,	5
Commitment as vagrants,	5
Assault,	31
Burning,	1
Larceny,	20
Frauds,	7
Disturbing the peace,	12
Adultery,	1
Cruelty to animals,	3
Taking team,	3
Violating town by-laws,	2
Contempt of court,	1
Law of the road,	1
Besetting distressed beast,	1
Rape,	1
Fornication,	1
Trespass,	1
Peddlery,	1
Concealing mortgage of personal property,	1
Walking on railroad track,	1
Search warrant for stolen goods,	5
Total number of cases,	297

The amount of fees in civil cases paid into the county treasury was \$120.15, and the fines and costs in criminal cases amounted to \$775.39.

The risk has been well patronized by the past week, and is an assured success. Many now attend who did not while compelled to skate on the small floor of Wales Hall, while large numbers, among them many of our best people, are learning the art of mastering the little rollers, and at a skating session nearly all ages from six to sixty can be seen on the floor. The band was in attendance Wednesday evening, and will play each Wednesday evening for the present. The band has made excellent progress lately, and plays very nicely. Mr. Leach has decided to keep the rink open every afternoon and evening, with the exception of Thursday evenings, it being closed this evening on account of the meetings at the various churches. The price of admission has also been changed some, the rates now being ten cents admission at the afternoon sessions, whether skates are used or not; ten cents admission only will be charged in the evening, but fifteen cents will be charged for use of the floor. This rule will apply to those who furnish their own skates,

as well as to those who do not." Some think this should not be so, but it is the rule of all rinks, as the wear of the skating surface is the same. The wear of the skates is not great, and persons who buy a pair do so for the privilege of having the same pair each time, as they can then get accustomed to them, and do not have a different running pair each time they skate.

THAT DEPOT FENCE—ANOTHER VIEW OF THE CASE.

Mr. Editor:—After reading in your issue of January 2d the tirade about the depot fence and adjoining property, we are thoroughly convinced that the writer of the article referred to either was not posted or else was possessed with a desire to misrepresent the case—or perhaps he got caught on the fence. One thing, too, we are sure of, the language contained in the article does not express the best sentiment of the people of this town. Is it not about time that men stopped growling and threatening on the street corners, and women their foolish talk in public places? No sane person will deny the right of the railroad company to build a fence along its tracks; no person with any judgment but will say that the building of the fence in question was a wise precautionary measure, lessening the liability of accident to the traveling public. The people also have rights which railroads are bound to respect, and if in their judgment they are of the opinion they have not been fairly dealt with by the railroad company, there is a proper way for them to secure their rights. That way is not by calling hard names or applying opprobrious epithets. Let some of the representative men of this town, men of good sound judgment and common sense, come forward and take hold of this question, and we will soon arrive at an adjustment satisfactory to all.

BELCHERTOWN.
The Grand Army post now have socials every two weeks, with a musical and literary entertainment.
W. B. Grover has removed to Hunting-ton, and has resigned the office of town clerk. Justice R. W. Lyman has been appointed to fill the office for the remainder of the term.

WALES.
The Norfolk Jubilee Singers sing this evening in Shaw Hall.
The skating rink at Royce's Hall makes lots of sports for the boys and girls.
Switzer Bros. have closed their meat market here but still continue in Monson.
The Wales Savings Bank declared a 2 1/2 per cent semi-annual dividend at their last meeting, making 4 3/4 per cent for the year.

WEST WARREN.
Will Shean, who has been very sick with rheumatism of the heart, is fast improving.
The Lombard street Methodists held an oyster supper and social in their parlors Thursday evening.
Evening schools are held three nights in the week with about 125 pupils old and young, and still there's more to follow.

WEST BRIMFIELD.
Mrs. J. P. Eastman and daughter have been visiting at Worcester for a few days.
George Hitchcock is home from Brook-field for a few days on account of the serious illness of his sister.
The wind of last Monday blew down a portion of the kiln sheds at Alexander's brick yard, causing a loss of about \$600.
Master Herbert King has two Brahma chickens, five months old, which weigh 14 1/2 pounds, and thinks this is doing pretty well.

HAMPDEN.
More horses died in town last year than in any previous year.
The Co. has been rubbed out on the sign of C. I. Burleigh & Co.

There have been several weddings of late and one of the newly-married couples is spending the winter in the sunny south.
Frank S. Smith, a former manufacturer, and more recently a farmer, has given up his lease of the Beebe farm, and it is rumored that he is going west in company with other parties to start a wing mill, or woolen mill, our informant is unprepared to say which.

NORTH WILBRAHAM.
The outlook for the ice crop this far is very poor, none having been cut yet.
C. H. Thayer, formerly with W. E. Stone & Co., has accepted a position with E. B. Gates & Co.
Beacon Star division, S. of T., quietly observed their second anniversary Tuesday evening, with a feast of good things, both for the mind and body. The following are the officers chosen for the following quarter: W. P. Fannie Stebbins; W. A. A. L. Bell; F. S. Alice E. Spicer; Treas.: J. A. Parker; R. S. F. E. Rice; A. R. S. Nellie Perkins; Con., H. W. Cutler; A. Con. Annie Bruce; Chap., Fred Penter; I. S. Emma Blades; O. S., E. W. Wall; P. W. P., E. H. Cutler.

EAST LONGMEADOW.
An effort is being made to organize a singing school.
S. J. Billings is opening a quarry in the Center on land of R. A. Crane.
The Catholics hold mass in the town hall every two weeks, a priest from West Springfield officiating.
Miss Hattie Gaylord, of Middletown University, gave a reading in the lyceum Tuesday evening, which was finely rendered and was heartily enjoyed.
The Willing Workers held their annual meeting Wednesday evening with Della Hall, and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Edith Hall; vice president, Mrs. S. P. Mills; secretary and treasurer, Della Hall.

LUDLOW.
Mrs. Pliny Wright, whose death occurred at her home in the east part of the town last Sabbath morning, was a woman greatly beloved and much esteemed by all who were acquainted with her. It is supposed that for many years her services in caring for the sick and suffering were unsurpassed by those of any person in this or the neighboring towns. She passed away at the age of nearly seventy-seven years. For fifty-four years she was a member of the Methodist church, and will be greatly missed. Her funeral was held last Tuesday afternoon, and largely attended. Her husband, who has been very sick for several weeks, and was lying in bed at the

time of the funeral, was raised up while the casket was borne to his bedside that he might look for the last time upon the face of her who had been his affectionate wife for more than sixty years. The scene was most affecting. Mr. Wright is in his eighty-second year, and will probably survive but a short time.

THORN-DIKE.
An entertainment by the "Thorn-dike Young Comedians" is announced for to-morrow evening.
Dr. James Headley gives the next lecture in the Literary Club's course this evening. Subject: "The Sunny Side of Life."
Austin Woodard, the well-known news agent of this place, who for the past two months has been unable to attend to business by reason of sickness, has not yet fully recovered. His early restoration to health is earnestly wished for by his many friends.

With the resumption of business in Mill No. 1, the business outlook is materially improved, and to many employes there "winter of discontent" has already passed. Some of the rooms still run until 10 p. m., in order to keep up with the demands from the other rooms.
The funeral of Charles Lusty, aged 13 years, son of Robert Lusty, was attended last Monday by a large gathering of sympathetic relations and friends. He fell while skating, and received a severe blow on the back of the head, which is supposed to have been the cause of his sudden death.

WILBRAHAM.
Quadrangle will meet with Mrs. Clara Markham to-morrow afternoon.
The Willing Workers met with Miss Mary Howard at the parsonage on Wednesday afternoon.
The young people of the Congregational society are rehearsing a drama which they will present in a short time.

Dr. Warren and family, who have been spending the holidays in town, returned to their home in Cambridge this week.
The farmers' club met with H. A. Burbank on Monday evening and discussed the milk question. Next Monday evening the club meets with James Richards, the question being "Can we afford to pay farm laborers the prices demanded?"

THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE.
About 100 were present at the farmers' institute held on Wednesday. C. L. Hartshorn of Worcester, a member of the State board of agriculture, read a paper on "How to restore the fertility of grass lands." He recommended using ground bone and ashes; the draining of wet land, but not too deeply; the sod should be plowed over once in five years, manured and reseeded; in some cases green rye should be plowed under and corn planted. He was questioned a good deal after his essay, and much information gained by the farmers. D. M. Haven of Wilbraham gave his experience in mixing soils of opposite natures; by putting 200 loads of manure on an acre of barren ground he had raised 200 bushels of corn, and 200 loads of sand on an acre of mud had produced two heavy crops of grass in one season. C. L. Buell of Ludlow thought the best way to renovate grass lands was to plow and plant corn on the sod, with fertilizers in the hill the first year; the second year manure and plant to potatoes, and after the potatoes were dug to sow grass seed, with a quarter of a pound of turnip seed per acre. Dinner was served at the Allis House at 12.30. The afternoon was devoted to a lecture on fruits by J. W. Adams of Springfield, who devoted the most of his time to the apple. Taken altogether the meeting was a most profitable one to all who attended.

MONSON.
D. W. Ellis is absent on a trip to Florida and Texas.
The M. E. society have decided to purchase a new organ soon, and have an essay on trial.
E. B. Keap has bought the Thompson lot on East Hill of Mrs. M. L. Roper. The consideration was about \$1100.
Prof. Cunnock reads in Central Hall this evening, the proceeds to be added to the organ fund of the M. E. church.
Rev. Albert Hamann expects to occupy his pulpit at both services next Sabbath. His subject in the evening will be "Dreams and Dreamers."

Some of the merchants are kicking considerably because they claim that there are certain ones in town who do not close their store at six o'clock on Thursday evenings, as agreed.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Monson National Bank on Tuesday, Cyrus W. Holmes was elected president, R. M. Reynolds vice president, and Cyrus W. Holmes, Edward F. Morris, R. S. Mun, R. M. Reynolds, A. D. Norcross, S. F. Cushman, W. S. Nichols, directors.
At Central Hall rink next Tuesday evening there will be skating from 7 until 9 o'clock, after which the Central Hall orchestra will furnish music for dancing until 12, and W. G. Ryan will prompt. At the first of these social parties, which was held a few weeks ago, a very enjoyable time was had.
Through the kindness of one of our readers we are furnished with the following record of the weather for the year 1884:

	Morn.	Noon.	Eve.	Monthly Av.
Jan.	16	27	21	21
Feb.	29	34	31	28
Mar.	28	39	31	32
Apr.	39	51	31	41
May	51	67	52	57
June	59	82	61	67
July	63	76	64	67
Aug.	64	80	65	70
Sept.	60	76	61	66
Oct.	46	63	49	53
Nov.	34	40	38	40
Dec.	36	35	29	30

Average for the year: morning, 43; noon, 56; evening, 45; mean average for the year, 47.
The coldest day was Dec. 20th—11°. Six days the mercury rose to 87°.
In the year, there were 108 clear days and 112 rainy or snowy ones.

CRYSTAL WEDDING IN STAFFORD.
The handsome cottage in West Stafford, Ct., which constitutes the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Lincoln Fairfield was the scene of a brilliant social gathering on the evening of Tuesday, January 6th. Although the weather was very inclement, guests poured in to the number of forty or more. Mr. and Mrs. Fairfield were taken totally by surprise,

West Brookfield and Warren fell from the caboose a few days ago, badly bruising his leg. He was cared for by Dr. Hastings on reaching Warren, and then taken to his home in Springfield.

The M. E. church held Centennial services Wednesday afternoon and evening. Revs. W. H. Adams of West Warren, L. D. Bragg of Spencer, T. J. Hale of West Brookfield officiating in the afternoon, H. Matthews in the evening.

The Universalist society has made choice of the following officers: Clerk, T. F. Bacon; treasurer, E. F. Wetherbee; prudential committee, S. H. Richardson, L. E. Moore, H. W. Ward, Russell Lombard and John W. Tyler. The society voted \$50 for incidental expenses, \$350 for music, and \$1000 for the salary of the pastor.

Acronus lodge of Odd Fellows have installed the following officers: N. G. E. F. Wilcox; R. S. G. N. C. C. Morse; V. G., John Hall; L. S. N. G. S. N. Tallman; R. C. W. E. Jones; R. S. V. G., Jerry Linson; treasurer, E. F. Strickland; L. S. V. G., C. S. Rockwell; P. S. C. O. Walker; R. S. S., Andrew Martin; warden, John Dyett; L. S. S., James C. Grant; conductor, E. A. Platt; chaplain, Edward Perry; O. G., J. H. Goodhue; P. G., W. A. Burbank; I. G., Leander Adams; organist, H. S. Howe.

WARE AND VICINITY.
The game of polo Gilbertville vs. Ware was won by the latter, three to two.

Rev. B. V. Stevenson is reported as recovering from his severe attack of pneumonia.

Lawyer James T. Savage is away on business for a week or two. His brother has charge of his business here during his absence.

The third and deciding five-mile race by Peck vs. Edmunds is to take place at the Ware roller skating rink to-morrow (Saturday) evening.

The Norfolk, (Va.) colored jubilee singers are booked for Music Hall next Sunday evening. The same company was here about three years ago.

District Deputy Grand Commander H. G. Whitcomb of Springfield made an official visit to Xenamesseque Council American Legion of Honor on Thursday evening.

Demis Towne lost a letter last Saturday somewhere in the village from Mrs. Cleary, a mis-forty lady whose son was color bearer in the regiment to which Demis belonged.

The first weekly payment at the Otis Company's mills was made to-day. The merchants are doing all they can to encourage cash payments for their goods, which was never lower than at present.

The Unitarian church, which has been closed on account of the illness of the pastor the past two Sundays, will be open at the usual hour next Sunday afternoon, and a sermon delivered by Rev. H. Matthews.

There was great religious interest manifested at the Congregational chapel during the week of prayer, so much so that extra meetings have been held this week, and a goodly number have expressed a desire to become Christians.

The event of the season in this part of the country is to be the concert and ball at Union Hall, Gilbertville, by the wool sorters and loom fixers. They have secured the services of Reeves' American band and orchestra of Providence, R. I., with D. W. Reeves in person as director, A. Weiss as prompter, Mr. Bowen R. Church as cornet soloist and Mr. Fred Padley as piccolo soloist.

The Ware people will be pleased to hear the announcement of a grand concert by the Amherst College Glee Club, consisting of seventeen members, at Music Hall next Thursday evening. They have a good programme of jolly college songs, as well as some pieces of a more serious nature. Their reputation for carefully trained voices of excellent quality will no doubt ensure them a full house. Give the college boys a hearty welcome.

The largest and most successful surprise party of the season was given to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Preston last evening at their new residence on North street, nearly a hundred of their friends and neighbors coming to enjoy them for a "home warming," which was accomplished by the merry party with music, dancing, refreshments, and a general good time. The party broke up near the small hours, leaving valuable presents as souvenirs of the occasion.

We are glad to learn that there is beginning to be some agitation in reference to a new town hall. While the town has had quite good accommodations for a hall to hold meetings in we have no safe place in which to keep the records of the town, and hardly decent quarters in which the officers of the town can hold their meetings. A town of this size ought to have a town hall, and we believe will have one, of which we need not be ashamed, at no distant day.

There has been a petition quite extensively signed to call a town meeting to take some action in the matter of a town hall, perhaps to appoint a committee to get estimates and be prepared to report at the March meeting.

Contractors Newell and Barchard of Boston offer to complete the Central Massachusetts road to Northampton by November 1, if the stockholders will subscribe for \$750,000 worth of bonds.

A patent-medicine man of Rochester has made a contract with the Philadelphia glass works for 500 car-loads of bottles, about 10,000,000 pounds.

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At Northfield, 11th, CHARLES LESTER, 12 years and 7 months.

At Northfield, 11th, NANCY WRIGHT, 77.

At Northfield, 11th, DR. ALFRED LAMBERT, 59 years and 4 months.

At Northfield, 11th, R. L. 12th, NETTIE M., 24, youngest daughter of W. S. Galt, and sister of Mrs. Joseph Galt of Palmer.

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UNCLE PAUL'S ADVICE.

"It's the last straw that breaks the camel's back," said Lucy, bursting into tears. The pleasant June sunbeams came peeping into the cool, stone-paved dairy, where pans of milk and cream were stood under the shelves, and a blue-painted churn was already placed on the table for service. Mr. Belenden was justly proud of his dairy.

Not a chance guest came to the house but was invited down to see it; not a housekeeper in the neighborhood but secretly envied its many conveniences and exquisite neatness.

"And it isn't the dairy alone," triumphantly remarked Seth Belenden. "And you may go through the house from garret to cellar, and you'll never find a speck of dust. There never was such a housekeeper as my wife."

Mrs. Belenden was young, too—scarcely three and twenty. She had been the daughter of a retired army officer, delicately reared and quite ignorant of all the machinery of domestic life until she married Seth Belenden.

"It's very strange," Lucy had written to her father; "the farm is beautiful; you never saw such monstrous old buttonball trees, nor such superb roses, and the meadows are full of red clover, and the strawberries like jewels on the sunny hill-sides. But nobody sketches or reads. I don't think there is a copy of Tennyson in the whole neighborhood, and no one ever heard of Dore or Millais. All they think of is how many dozen eggs the hens lay and how much cheese they can make in a year. And the woman who has a new recipe for waffles or a new pattern for a horrible thing they call 'crazy quilts' is the leader of society."

But presently young Mrs. Belenden herself caught the fever and became a model housewife.

Example is all-powerful, and Lucy began to believe that the whole end and aim of life was domestic thrift, money-saving and the treadmill of work.

"My dear," said Seth, "if you thought you could get along without Hepsy, the maid, I might be able to afford that new reaper before the oat crop comes in."

"I'll try," said Lucy.

After that she rose before daybreak, and worked later into the night than ever.

"What is the matter with your hands, Lucy?" Seth asked one day. "They are not so white and beautiful as they used to be."

Lucy colored as she glanced down at the members in question.

"I suppose it's from making fires," said she.

And then she took to wearing old kid gloves at her sweeping and dusting and digging out of the ashes.

"My coat is getting shabby," Seth remarked one day.

"Why don't you buy another?" asked his wife.

Seth laughed a short laugh.

"What do you think Mrs. Higginbotham has done?" said he. "She has ripped up her husband's old suit and cut a pattern by it and made a new one, and entirely saved him ten dollars."

"I could do that," said Lucy with sparkling eyes. "I'll try it."

"You could do anything, my dear," said Mr. Belenden, admiringly.

And Lucy felt that she had her rich reward.

Company began to come as soon as the bright weather set in.

All the affectionate relations of Mr. Belenden soon discovered that the farm house was cool and shady, that Lucy's cooking was excellent, and that the bed rooms were neatness itself.

Some of them were good enough to invite their relations as well; and so the house was full from April to December.

All the clergymen made it their home at Robert Belenden's when they came to Sylvan Bridge for ecclesiastical conventions; all the agents for unheard-of articles discovered that they knew somebody who was acquainted with the Belendens and brought their carpet-bag and valises with that faith in human hospitality which is one of life's best gifts.

Mrs. Belenden's fame went abroad among the Dorcas of the neighborhood in the matter of butter and cheese; she took the prizes in the domestic departments of all the agricultural fairs, and the adjoining households took no trouble to make things they could borrow "just as well as not."

And one day when poor Lucy, under the blighting influence of a horrible sick headache, was endeavoring to strain three or four gallons of milk into the shining pans, the news arrived that Uncle Paul was coming to the farm.

"Another guest!" said Lucy, despairingly.

And then she uttered the proverb that heads our sketch.

"Oh, it's only Uncle Paul!" said Mr. Belenden. "Don't fret, Lucy! He's the most peaceable old gentleman in the world. He'll make no more trouble than a cricket. John's wife thought she couldn't have him because she has no girl now."

"Neither have I!" said Lucy, rebelliously. "And Sarah Eliza don't like company."

"And I am supposed to be fond of it?" observed Lucy, bitterly.

"And Reuben's girls don't want the old folks staying there. It's too much trouble they say," added Seth.

Lucy bit her lips to keep back the words she might have said instead:

"Where is he to sleep? The Belfords have the front room, and your cousin Susan occupies the back, and the four Miss Pattersons sleep in the two hall chambers, and the hired men have the garret room."

She might have added that she and her husband and the baby slept in a hot little den, opening from the kitchen, for four weeks, vainly expecting Mr. and Mrs. Belford to depart; and that she had never yet had a chance to invite her father to the farm in pleasant weather.

But she was magnanimous and held her peace.

"Oh, you can find some place for him," said her husband lightly. "There is that little room at the end of the hall where the spinning wheel is."

"But it isn't furnished," pleaded Lucy.

"You can easily sew a carpet together out of those old pieces from the Belfords' room; and it's no trouble to put up a muslin curtain to the window and lift it a cot bed. There are plenty of good sweet lunks in the corn-house, and you can just tuck a mattress together, and whitewash the ceiling, and—"

"What's that, Beniah? The cows in the ury lot! Dear me! Everything goes wrong if I step into the house a moment. And really, Lucy, those things are your business and not mine," he added, irritably.

Lucy could not help laughing all by herself, as her husband ran up the steps.

But it was a very sad little laugh and soon changed into a sigh.

"I wonder," said she, in a whisper, "if my poor, tired-out ghost would haunt these stone pavements, and scrub shelves, if I were to die! I never heard of a ghost in a dairy before, but I should think it might easily be."

But this little bed room was fitted up for all that, and Uncle Paul arrived, a dried-up, yellow-complexioned old man, with an old-fashioned cravat tied in many folds around his neck, and a suit of navy blue, with brass buttons.

He had the polite way of half a century ago, and Lucy thought she should like very much, if she only had time to get acquainted with him.

But she was churning ten pounds of butter a day, and there was the baby, and the company, and the young chickens, and the baking to do for the sewing society, which was to meet at her house that week.

She was almost too busy to sleep.

But Uncle Paul was watching her quietly all the time.

He came out to the barn one day where his nephew was putting a new handle on a sickle-blade.

"Pretty busy times—eh, Uncle Paul?" asked the farmer, scarcely taking the leisure to look up.

"Aye," absently answered the old man. "Did I tell you, Nephew Seth, about the reason I left your Cousin Eliab's?"

"Not that I remember," said Seth, breathing on the blade and polishing it with his silk handkerchief.

"Dorothy died—his wife."

"Oh, yes," said Seth; "malaria fever, wasn't it?"

"No!" bluntly answered Uncle Paul. "It was hard work. That woman, Seth, did the housework for eight persons. Eliab didn't even let her have a woman to help her with the washing and ironing."

"Must have been a regular good brute," said Seth, tightening the handle a little.

"All the sewing, too," added Uncle Paul; "the mending and the making. Never went anywhere except to church. Eliab didn't believe in women gadding about."

"The old savage," said Seth.

"She was fond of reading, but she never got any time for it," said Uncle Paul. "She rose before sun-up, and never lay down until eleven o'clock. It was hard work that killed that woman, and Eliab declared it was sheer laziness when she could not drag herself around no longer. And when she died he rolled up his eyes and called it a visitation of Providence."

"Why didn't the neighbors lynch him?" cried Seth, fairly aroused to indignation at last.

"Why don't the neighbors lynch you?" said he.

Seth dropped the sickle and stared.

"Nephew Seth," said Uncle Paul, impressively, "thou art the man! Are you not doing the same thing?"

"I?" gasped Seth.

"Your wife is doing the work of a household of sixteen people," said Uncle Paul. "She is dragging as you can hire no foreigner to do it. She is rising early and lying down late; she is offering up her life on the shrine of your farm and its requirements. I have seen her grow thin and pale in the few days I have been here. I have carried water and split wood for her because there was no one else to do it. I have seen her carry up Mrs. Belford's breakfast daily to her room, because Mrs. Belford preferred to lie in bed; and cook dainty dishes for Helen Patterson, because Helen wouldn't eat what the rest liked. No galley slave ever worked as she does. And you, with your hired men—whose board only adds to her cares—and your labor-saving machinery, stand coolly by and see her commit slow suicide. Yes, Nephew Seth, I think it is a case for lynching!"

Seth had grown pale.

"I never thought of this," said he. "Why didn't some one tell me?"

"Where were your own eyes?" asked Uncle Paul.

Seth Belenden rolled down his shirt sleeves, put on his coat, and went into the house.

He told the Belfords and Pattersons that it was inconvenient to keep them any longer. He gave Cousin Susan to understand that her room was needed. He made arrangements to board the hired men at the vacant farm-house, and engaged a stout dairyman and a house servant to wait on Lucy. And he telegraphed to her father to come to Sylvan Bridge at once.

"She deserves a treat," he said. "He shall stay all summer with us."

And then he went to tell Lucy.

She had fainted among the buttercups, picking strawberries for tea.

Poor little Lucy! The machinery had utterly failed to revolve any longer.

His heart grew cold within him.

"She will die," he thought, "and I shall have murdered her."

But she did not die. She recovered her strength by degrees.

"It is better than medicine," said she, "to know that Seth is thinking of me and for me."

And Uncle Paul—"the last straw," as she had called him—had proved her salvation.

"I didn't want her to die as Eliab's wife did," said Uncle Paul.

GRANT'S LITTLE STORY.

The following good story is culled from a Washington reporter's interview with Ex-Secretary Robeson:

"By the way," he went on, "I remember an incident that clearly illustrates his (General Grant's) character. When I was secretary of the navy some hundreds of the sailors of the better class came to me and asked to have some rank given them. They didn't care about an increase in pay, they said, but they wanted relative rank."

"I couldn't do anything for them, but they came several times, and were rather importunate, and I finally led a delegation of them over to the White House and let them present their petition to President Grant in person. They told him what they wanted, and argued for a redress of their grievances plainly but forcibly."

"At last an old boatswain came to the front, and hitching up his trousers and turning over his incumbent quid, he said: 'Mr. President, I can put this 'ere matter so's you see it plain. Now, here I be—a parent; in fact, a father. My son is a midshipman. He outranks me, don't you observe? That ain't right, don't you see?'

"Indeed," said Grant, "who appointed him a midship?"

"The secretary here," the bo'sun said, and encouraged by the question, he went on: "It ain't right, don't you see, that I should be beneath 'im? Why, ef I was to go on his ship, the boy I brought up to obediency would boss his own father! Jest think o' that!"

"An' he has better quarters 'n me, and better grub, nice furniture, 'n all that; sleeps in a nice soft bed 'n all that. See?"

"Yes," the president said, "yes, the world is full of inequalities. I know of a case quite similar to yours."

"The old bo'sun chuckled quietly, and gave another hitch to his lower gear."

"I know of an old fellow," said General Grant, "who is postmaster in a little town in Kentucky. He lives in a plain way, in a small house. He is a nice old man, but he isn't much in rank. His son outranks him more than your son does you. His son lives in Washington, in the biggest house there, and he is surrounded by the nicest of furniture, and cats and drinks anything he takes a notion to. He could remove his father from office in a minute if he wanted to. And the old man—that's Jesse Grant, you know—doesn't seem to care about the inequality in rank. I suppose he's glad to see his boy get along in the world."

"The old bo'sun looked down at the carpet, and tried to bore a hole in it with his toe, and his comrades all laughed at him joyously, and slapped him on the back, and flocked in great glee. It was the last I ever heard of the petition or petitioners. The old bo'sun flung his quid into a cuspidor as he left. Probably he had concluded to give up thinking."

HOW A JUDGE LEARNED SOMETHING.

The late Chief-Justice Wigelow of Massachusetts was naturally hot tempered, but on one occasion was brought to his bearing in a way as effective as it was amusing.

He was riding in a car which did not stop at Quincy, where he resided, and as it was passing by, he pulled the rope and the train was brought to a sudden stop.

The conductor rushed in, and demanded: "Who rang that bell?"

"I did," said the chief-justice.

"Why?"

"Because I wanted to get off" at which the railroad official indulged in some remarks which were not complimentary and hardly respectful.

The judge afterward complained to the president of the road, who promised to look into the matter. But he found that, although the conductor might have used hot language, the chief-justice was not without fault, and said nothing about it. When they next met, by chance, the latter demanded of the president whether he had reprimanded the conductor.

"I spoke to him," was the reply.

"Well, what did he say?"

"He said that he was coming up some day to adjourn your court."

The brave magistrate saw the point and did not pursue the investigation.—Every Other Saturday.

Dr. Storrs tells the story of a man who remarked to a penurious companion that the kingdom of Sata was to be destroyed, and asked him if he wasn't glad of it. "Yes," he replied, "I suppose so; but it seems a pity to have anything wasted."

Alone.

She stands beside the cottage door To watch the dyking day, Her raven hair is sprinkled o'er With streaks of silver gray; And many a line of sadness sears That pale yet lovely face, To mark where show and silent tears Have left their lasting trace.

And still her whispered thoughts will tell Of scenes that are no more, And scan the once loved forms that dwell On men's ways shadowy shore; Again the little boat to deck, That now so empty stands; Again to feel around her neck The touch of tiny hands.

How long, the weary spirit cries, Within this world of pain, Ere 'neath the ever fading skies I meet them once again?

And, as she views the silver night Slow sweeping to the west, A murmured prayer in faith takes flight To him who giveth rest.

—Temple Bar.

THE TOOTHPICK.

An offensive

Special Notice.

A great many new names have been added to our list in the past two months, and to still further increase our list we make the following offer: We will send a copy of the PALMER JOURNAL, for one year, free, to any person (or to any address they may desire) who shall send us the names of three new subscribers, with \$5.25, before March 1st. With very little effort you can add us, and secure your local paper free for one year, or have it sent to some friend. Will you not send us the names?

The House at Washington unexpectedly refused to take up the bill placing Gen. Grant on the retired list, Monday, owing to the filibustering opposition of a few Democrats. Further attempts will be made to get the bill through, and it will be a shame if they do not succeed.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR has done a good thing in appointing Carroll D. Wright, chief of the Massachusetts labor bureau, the first commissioner of the new national bureau of labor statistics, for no other man in the country is so admirably fitted for the position. It is understood that Mr. Wright will only take the office long enough to start it in good shape.

RUDREN CLAWSON, the Utah polygamist who was sentenced to four years' imprisonment, must serve out his sentence, the United States supreme court sustaining the Utah court in refusing him bail. Angus M. Cannon, president of the Mormon state, has been arrested, and the law-defying wretches of that section may yet find that there is a God in Israel.

SENATORS PLATT of Connecticut, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Vall of North Carolina, Vest of Missouri, Call of Florida and Voorhees of Indiana have been re-elected this week. Rhode Island elects Congressman Chase to succeed the late Senator Anthony, Colorado elects Secretary Teller, and California substitutes ex-Gov. Leland Stanford for Mr. Fairly.

THE Republican state committee has made choice of ex-collector A. W. Beard for chairman. The report of the treasurer shows that the total expenditures of the last 15 years have been \$194,397, ranging from \$1854 in 1875 to \$71,245 in 1883, when Gov. Robinson made his notable campaign against Butler. The expenditure in the Butler year amounts to more than all the rest, showing that Benjamin F. has cost the Republican party a good deal in one way and another.

A CHEERING evidence of a revival in business is furnished by the *Manufacturers' Record* of Baltimore, which publishes a list of leading enterprises that have resumed work during the present month, from which it would appear that over 100,000 hands have been furnished with work once more since Jan. 1. The long-continued depression cannot always last, and there is a growing feeling that the year 1885 will mark the beginning of better times—a feeling which all will hope may be fully realized.

SOME interesting statistics in regard to the license law have been presented to the Legislature by Secretary of State Peirce. The number of votes cast in the state last year in favor of license was 103,293; against it 79,414. The whole number of licenses granted was 6667, of which 3385 were first class, 335 second class, 71 third, 1955 fourth, 409 fifth and 482 sixth class. Hampden county granted 335 licenses and Hampshire county 78. The total revenue from the licenses was \$1,037,274, of which Hampshire county furnished \$42,779 and Hampshire county \$14,265.

SPRINGFIELD having voted in favor of license for the coming year, Mayor Phillips and the aldermen proposed to go ahead and grant licenses at once for the balance of the present year, regardless of last year's vote not to license; but the weight of legal opinion was so strongly against this course that it was finally abandoned, and the liquor men must wait until May 1 for their licenses. Such undue haste to restore the open license regime does not seem very becoming, and it is a singular idea of law which would make a vote for license valid for twelve months whether or no, and a vote against license good only until there is a chance to get a vote the other way.

ANOTHER chapter of defalcations has come to light the past week, and a bad one. Cashier James Meech and Assistant Cashier Charles Webb of the Merchants National Bank of Norwich, Ct., resigned their positions last Saturday, and were arrested Monday for embezzling the bank's funds. Cashier Wm. T. Roath of the Shetucket National Bank is also a defaulter, though he has not been arrested yet. The Merchants bank has lost about \$130,000 and the Shetucket \$50,000. Webb was a very popular man, has been city treasurer for many years, and last year was made president of the Shetucket bank, the three officers forming a pool and using the funds of the two banks in speculations. A speculative mania is said to have pervaded the entire city, and it is claimed that some \$2,000,000 of Norwich money has been lost in Wall street the past year. The cashiers got into the current, and by using one bank against the other were enabled to cover up their shortages until recently, when the suspicions of Bank Examiner Mygatt were aroused, and a second visit last week unearthed the deficit. Both banks are in good condition to stand the loss, and will continue business without interruption. The city was greatly shocked by the revelation, though it need not have been, for when it is known that bank officers are speculating largely in stocks, as it was known in this case, the probabilities are, most emphatically, that the bank funds are being used, and this being so, a deficit is the natural sequence. The quiet old town of Nantucket is also excited over the doings of W. H. Chadwick, cashier of the Pacific National Bank. He was compelled to resign when it was found that his account was \$8000 overdrawn, and it transpires that he has borrowed \$40,000 outside, on different securities, about all of which has gone into real estate speculation. In Pennsylvania the cashier of the Jamestown Savings Bank is reported missing, with \$40,000 or more of the bank's funds.

The Philadelphia Times has been sued for \$100,000 for libel by the Louisiana lottery company.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

Now that leap year has gone it won't do for a young lady to "jump at a chance."

The death-dealing double-ripper hasn't had a square show to get in his work this season.

Of what nationality is a young man who is practicing on a cornet? He is a Teuton, of course.

Buffalo has a roller skating rink for colored people only; doubtless a very scents-ible scheme.

It's the easiest thing in the world for a girl to catch a husband in the winter. All she has got to do is to get a bean and then freeze to him.

It is said that a camel will go 14 days without water. Many men resemble the camel, only they leave the camel way back in the last century somewhere as to the length of time.

This has been a bill-lous month.—*Ansania Sentinel*. This accounts for the doctors being so busy.—*Westfield Times and News-Letter*.

We like to collect such items as these. The Clinton *Convent* says that "the little town of Wales, in Hampshire county, has a roller skating rink, and also a shut-down in the mills," and wants to know which is the cause, and which the result. Evidently the *Convent* man doesn't think much of rinks.

The Springfield *Union* thinks that the mirth-loving people no longer tumble to the roller skating rink accident. That's just where you get left. The mirth-loving people can have more fun at the rink by watching beginners for ten minutes, than in any other way.

In most places, when a fellow goes to see his best girl, "two is company, and three's a crowd," but in Boston they do things different. They have a *general court* there, which isn't so nice.—*Westfield Times and News-Letter*.

Johnnie had had good marks all the term at school, and on the last day, when the company was there, the teacher called him up and gave him the prize, at the same time saying that he would be sure to rise in the world. The bad boy who sat behind him had fixed a pin in his seat, and when Johnnie sat down he did rise, at once.

The New York Legislature has given the country a very agreeable surprise by electing William M. Everts as United States senator. It had been all arranged that Levi P. Morton should have the honor, and when the Legislature convened the Morton men elected their candidate for speaker without difficulty; but the latter made such a wretched botch of his committee, outraging the public interests and the rights of the minority, that the opposition to Morton was intensified and solidified, and the result is a victory for brains and character over money and the machine. As one writer neatly puts it, "the vacancy in the United States senate caused by the election of Elbridge G. Lapham to that body will now be filled."

DEPRECIATION in stocks is said to have reduced Vanderbilt's property from thirty to fifty million dollars, leaving the poor man only about \$100,000,000, but by dint of close economy he hopes to pull through.

Gov. Bunn of Idaho does not mind matters in regard to the Mormons. In his message to the Legislature he says: "The Mormon leaders were never more defiant than at this time. I conjure you to do your utmost toward destroying the polluting practices of this seditious organization. Suppress the licentious saloons with their plural marriages and so wipe away the foul blotch upon this territory that is a stench in the nostrils of all the honest humanity within our borders. I advise the enactment of such laws and amendments as shall make effective the laws of God and man regarding adultery, bigamy and polygamy and compel loyalty to the Nation and respect for the flag."

A missionary party of between 50 and 60 men, women and children, known as the William Taylor expedition, sailed from New York yesterday. It was organized by Bishop Taylor of the M. E. church, and is to go into the interior of South Africa, there to cast its lot with the natives and try to civilize and Christianize them.

Gen. Sheridan is less popular in Washington society than elsewhere. He is too domesticated, or, as one correspondent puts it, "He takes more pleasure in paying attention to his own wife than to other men's wives. Until he reforms in this particular he will never acquire what might be called great popularity in society."

John L. Sullivan and Paddy Ryan had a tame set-to with the gloves at Madison Square garden, New York, on Monday night, the fight being stopped by the police in the first round. It is probable that a fight with bare knuckles will take place between these two before long.

A British force of 1500 men in Egypt, under Gen. Stewart, were attacked by nearly 10,000 of the Mahdi's followers 23 miles northwest of Metarrich last Saturday, but the Arabs were repulsed and 800 of them slain. Sixty-five British soldiers were killed.

The managers of the Grand Army fair at Stoughton have been arrested for running a lottery, and the case is continued until the 31st. A good deal of interest is manifested in the case by all societies who have conducted fairs on the same principle.

One year ago last Sunday the "City of Columbus" struck on Devil's Bridge in a clear night, with a channel four miles wide in which to choose a path. The cause of the disaster has never been determined, and will always remain a mystery.

An infirmary for insane patients at Kaukaee, Ill., took fire from the furnaces last Saturday, and was burned to the ground, 17 of the 45 patients perishing in the flames.

John Buchanan, the issuer of bogus medical diplomas, who was imprisoned some time ago at Philadelphia, is under arrest for the same practices since his release.

A child just born in Pennsylvania is burdened with George Winfield Scott Hancock, Gardfield Patterson Hendricks Cleveland Yerks for a name.

Gen. Butler has brought suit against Elkins to compel him to give a clear title to some Mexican lands bought by Butler.

LOCAL NOTICES.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.—We are making things lively at the new store under the Essexvian House, selling these lines crabs and towels at half price. Have had crowds in for the embroidered corsets at 39 cents; also the Hamburg corsets that we are selling so cheap. Full line of frames, silverware, jewelry, lamps, glassware, etc., don't fail to come and examine if you don't buy. Will sell you a solid gold ring for \$1.00.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

Did your water pipes freeze up? This weather makes the ice man happy. The boys have been having a little coasting this week.

Quite a number of cases of mumps are reported in the village.

Miss Carrie Knox is spending a few weeks on a farm in Brimfield.

The polo club played its first practice game at the rink last evening.

This is the kind of weather that maketh the coal dealer smile unto himself.

The popular actor, John Murray, is booked for Wales Hall at no distant day.

Miss Jennie Kenerson has gone to New York city for a visit of a few weeks.

Mrs. E. L. Cramb of Forestville, Ct., will preach at the Advent chapel next Sunday.

An effort is being made to establish a branch of the Royal Arcanum in this village.

Miss May Robinson has charge of the public library during Miss Kenerson's absence.

Rev. E. A. Perry exchanged pulpits with Rev. C. E. St. John of Northampton last Sunday.

Rev. O. R. Hunt will preach from Luke 19: 5, at the Baptist church next Sunday morning.

Miss Francis Williams of Chatham, N. Y., is the guest of Miss Ella Cramb on Park street.

W. H. Whitcomb has had a hot-air furnace put in the house recently purchased of Dr. Downing.

Quite a number from this place attended the fellowship meeting at the South church, Springfield, on Tuesday.

The Stafford-Foster troupe settled all bills contracted here at once on their presentation at another town.

Master Jimmie Dewey entertained some 60 of his young friends at his home on South Main street yesterday afternoon and evening.

Copies of the thirty-second annual report of the Eastern Hampshire Agricultural Society can be had of the secretary, O. P. Allen.

Miss Blanche Hellyar entertained a party of her young friends at her home last Saturday afternoon, on the occasion of her fifth birthday.

Sumner Blodgett grows some fine flowers in his Park street greenhouse, as we can testify from samples with which we have been favored.

The annual meeting of the ladies' society of the Congregational church will be held at the parsonage on Pleasant street this afternoon and evening.

The intense cold of Wednesday night froze up and burst a steam pipe in the Journal office, which was not repaired until after noon yesterday.

Dr. C. W. Cross will attend the department convention of the G. A. R. at Boston next Thursday and Friday, and his office will be closed on those days.

Some 20 of the acquaintances of Miss Eva Shepard made her surprise visit on the evening of her ninth birthday, this week, and enjoyed a very pleasant time.

Some dust and dirt which had accumulated in one of the registers at the high school building, took fire and blazed up for a moment on Wednesday morning, but no harm was done.

W. F. Miller, a gentleman who has had considerable experience in organizing old folks' concerts, will be in town next week to select a chorus for a concert to be given here in a short time.

The special meetings during the past week have been quite well attended, and a great deal of interest manifested. There is a probability that they will be continued at the Baptist church next week.

Doubtless some of our people will go to Thorndike next Tuesday evening to hear the lecture of F. A. Ober on "Picturesque Mexico." The lecture is said to be very fine, and is illustrated with the stereopticon.

It has been decided to postpone the social of the young people of the Congregational church for two weeks, until its regular time, and the young people will meet with the elder ones at the parsonage this evening.

What little sleighing there has been this week has been improved by the owners of fast steppers, slow steppers, anything that could exist to draw runners, and those who didn't own a quadruped either borrowed or hired.

The cold on Wednesday night was felt probably as much as at any other time this winter. Although the mercury was only down to zero, the strong wind made it decidedly uncomfortable to get very far away from a fire.

Officer Northrop's horse became frightened Monday afternoon and took a lively run to the head of Central street, where he turned around and came back, then continuing his run nearly to Three Rivers before he was stopped.

The second farmers' institute will be held at the Weeks House next Tuesday, when "General stock-breeding, including neat stock, horses, sheep and swine," will be discussed. The adjourned meeting of the directors of the society will be held at the same time.

The "Month's Mind" for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Nora E. Conliffe, sister of Rev. T. J. Sullivan, will be held at St. Thomas' church next Friday at 9 a. m. The ceremony consists of a solemn requiem mass, in which several priests from other parts of the diocese will participate, with a sermon by Rev. John Brennan of Worcester.

About twenty-five or thirty of the friends of Mrs. H. C. Taylor of Springfield, formerly of this place, gave her a happy surprise Tuesday evening, it being her 26th birthday. An oyster supper was furnished, and the evening was spent in singing, dancing and games till the wee hours. All went home feeling that they had enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

The young people of St. Paul's Universalist parish announce an oyster supper and dance for this evening. The supper will be at the parlors of the church, and will include a variety of good things besides oysters. The dancing will be at the new rink from 8.30 to 12.30, with music by Holden's orchestra of Springfield, and George Gould as prompter.

The union temperance meeting which was postponed last week, will be held next Sunday evening at St. Paul's Universalist church. The effect of intemperance on the physical man will be discussed by Rev. Mr. Perry, the effect on the social man by Rev. Mr. Hunt, and the effect on the moral man by Rev. Mr. Hunter. The meeting will be held at the usual hour, 7 o'clock, and all are invited.

The rain of last Friday afternoon and evening froze as fast as it fell, and the trees were loaded down with a weight of ice next morning, the limbs being nearly three times their natural size. Telegraph and telephone wires were broken in numerous places, there being considerable trouble with the New London Northern and Ware River lines, while the telephone lines were not all repaired until Monday.

These are the recently installed officers of Palmer Lodge, I. O. O. F.: N. G., A. S. Meserve; V. G., J. H. Smith; R. S., A. L. Hills; P. S., F. A. Ruggles; treasurer, Geo. Robinson; W. C. L. Holden; C. J. C. Greene; O. G., R. J. Henry; I. G., L. K. Adams; R. S. N. G., Chas. Upham; L. S. N. G., C. L. Alexander; R. S. V. G., L. G. Parkhurst; L. S. N. G., G. H. J. Smith; R. S. S. F. G., B. R. Bitterfield; L. S. S. C. E. Shumway; chaplain, Rev. E. A. Perry; P. G., Rev. O. R. Hunt.

An effort is being made to establish a reading room in connection with the library, and a subscription paper is being circulated among our citizens with that end in view. One citizen has offered to furnish a number of papers, and a box will be put up in the post office where papers, etc., can be left for the room. It is proposed to keep the room open each week day evening from 6.30 to 9 o'clock, and Sunday afternoons from 1.30 to 6.30. There can be no doubt that a reading room would be greatly beneficial to the town, and would afford a place where many young men who have no homes but their boarding places, could spend their evenings, instead of in the saloons and billiard halls, and we hope to see it established without delay.

There are some people in this world who always have to suffer unjustly for the sins and misdemeanors of others, and ever since the erection of the depot fence Station Agent Bostock has been one of that much-abused class. Although in no way responsible for, and powerless to change it, in the least, about three-fourths of the fault-finders seem to think that he is the person responsible for the fence, and accordingly give him a "blowing up" when ever an opportunity presents itself. The other day a lady stopped him on the street, in a great rage for being compelled to go around to get to the depot, and shaking her fist in his face, exclaimed, with as much feeling as if talking to one who had killed her best friend: "I hope you'll suffer for this!"

Business at the district court has not been very brisk the past week. Last Saturday Alfred Moushore of Wales was ordered to pay \$36.15 for being drunk and assaulting his wife, and being unable to do that same, was sent up. The offense was committed last summer, and Alfred has been hiding in Rhode Island, until unearthed by Officer Palmer last week. Monday morning John Eno, a tramp, declined to break stone to pay for his lodging and breakfast, and departed in haste when set at work. He was brought back and sent to the state workhouse for one year. The same morning Edgar Archibault of Three Rivers, an employee of the Palmer mill, was up for the larceny of stock from the mill. The company has suffered a great deal from the habit of some of its help taking home small quantities of stock, and discovering that Edgar had filled his dinner pail with cotton yarn before leaving the mill, determined to make an example of him. He was given a sharp reprimand, and the case was placed on file on his paying the costs.

VITAL STATISTICS.

The books of the town clerk show that during the past year there were 166 births in town, an increase of 11 over 1883. Of this number 68 were males and 98 females, showing that the boys got badly left during last year. There were 64 born of American parentage, 76 of foreign, and 26 of mixed parentage.

Either the girls neglected to avail themselves of the privileges of the year just past, or else got the mitten frequently, for the number of marriages was only 70, a falling off of 18 from the previous year. Of the contracting parties 13 were Palmer born and 54 foreign born. The youngest groom was 17, and the youngest bride 16. There were 13 grooms under 21 years of age, and 24 brides below that age, while 11 cases both bride and groom were under 21, the youngest couple being composed of a groom of 18 and a bride of 17. The oldest groom was 82, and the oldest bride 74, these making the oldest couple. In 9 cases the bride was older than the groom. It was the first marriage of both parties in 39 cases, second of the groom and first of bride in 5, second of both in 5, and third of groom and second of bride in one. Rev. Mr. Hunter performed 14 of the ceremonies, Rev. E. A. Perry 4, Rev. O. R. Hunt 4, Rev. T. J. Sullivan 3, Father Laury of Three Rivers 13, Rev. C. L. Ayer 4, Rev. B. F. Joy 3, Father Lynch of Thorndike 2, Father McKeany of Bondsville 8, Rev. Geo. H. Clarke 3, and various out-of-town clergymen the remaining 12.

There were 166 deaths during 1884, against 93 for the year before, or nearly double the number. The number who died of heart disease was 10, of consumption 9, pneumonia and cholera infantum 5 each, apoplexy and paralysis 4 each, dropsy and drowning 3 each, brain fever and cancer of

the stomach 2 each, inflammation of the lungs, epilepsy, haemoptisis, meningitis, old age, spasms, childbirth, lung fever, gastric fever, convulsions, inflammation of the bowels, septicaemia, congestion of the brain, 1 each. Of these 15 were under one year of age.

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" 10 and 20.....	2
" 20 and 30.....	7
" 30 and 40.....	6
" 40 and 50.....	3
" 50 and 60.....	10
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" 90 and 100.....	3

MORE ON THE FENCE QUESTION.

Mr. Editor:—In your last issue there was an article on this subject, signed "Gas." He says: "Let some of the representative men of this town, men of good judgment and common sense, come forward and take hold of this question, and we will soon arrive at an adjustment satisfactory to all." This sounds very well, and, were it true, would be all right as to the way out of the difficulty. Will "Gas" tell us what became of the several petitions that were extensively signed by a "representative men" provided for access to the depot from the north side? It must be that the management of the railroad never learned of these, as they are so ready to make it all right. It is true that many unkind and harsh things have been said that these men of common sense don't approve, but because some growl, should all be treated as though our patronage was not wanted? The facts are these, I think: These "representative men" have been fully convinced by being ignored in the past, and the efforts to prevent any access to the depot from the north side during the past season, that any effort for redress from the present management is useless. I do not believe the stockholders of the Boston & Albany railroad would approve of a course that if fully carried out would ruin the business of any railroad in the country, namely: throwing obstacles in the way of easy access to the road, and as there is to be a stockholders' meeting soon, would it not be well to have this matter ventilated at the meeting? Perhaps the voters there will give us some officers who will work for the interest of the road and the convenience of its patrons.

A CITIZEN AND STOCKHOLDER.

Our Young Man About Town.

HE SAYS.

That only about one sidewalk in twenty was cleared off after the last snow.

That when the cold snap of Friday night came it made the walks very disagreeable to walk on.

That it was a good deal better walking in the road.

That there are but very few street lamps in town.

That those we have should be kept lighted on dark nights.

That there was lots of fun the first of the week watching men try to climb the railroad bank at Commercial street.

That the climber seemed to think it wasn't so funny.

That there is a good deal of talk about kerosene, powder, etc., as a means of removing that fence.

That there is a little talk of a new board of selectmen in the spring.

That our merchants are having a good trade in spite of the cry about hard times.

That there is a good deal of complaint from pedestrians about the sidewalk in front of the Converse House.

That those conductors make the walk very slippery and dangerous with every thaw and freeze.

That the rink is having an excellent patronage.

That quite a number of the "gray heads" of the village may be found practicing there at sessions when there are few lookers-on.

That there appears to be lots of fun in roller skating—if you don't fall down.

HE THINKS.

That there should be a town by-law requiring sidewalks to be cleared of snow immediately after a storm.

And that if it was rigidly enforced but few would complain.

That the town had better make an appropriation for street lamps.

That the talk of burning or blowing up the railroad fence is not right.

And that it does no good and much harm.

That we ought to have a passage at the west end of the depot.

That it can be had by going to work in the right way.

That there will be several tickets in the field for selectmen at the annual town meeting.

That the town ought to pay the selectmen enough to enable them to devote more to the affairs of the town.

That by so doing the town would get much better satisfaction for the increased expenditure.

That a man can't be expected to give a great deal of time for \$100 a year.

That the times will be better before long.

That he shall have something to say each week.

LUDLOW.

The ladies of the Methodist society at Ludlow Center will hold a social gathering in the church next Thursday evening. A supper, together with a musical and literary entertainment, will be provided.

THREE RIVERS.

The reading by Prof. Bursback last Saturday evening was well attended, and all enjoyed the evening's entertainment. Prof. Bursback is a true reader, rendering his selections with a finish which cannot fail of keeping the attention of his audience.

BONDSDVILLE.

Herbert Sedgwick is home from Westfield on a short vacation.

The spirits of the leeman rise as the mercury descendeth.

Nearly 25 members of Sparkling Water Division of the Sons of Temperance visited Silver Star Division of Ware Monday evening.

The telephone wires were broken in several places by the ice Friday evening. As the breaks were not repaired till Monday afternoon much inconvenience was caused to parties at this end of the line.

WEST WARREN.

Miss Jennie Barton has been quite sick for some time.

J. B. Lombard has purchased "the pool" property on the road to Palmer.

Duffy Newway was given a surprise party by his friends the other evening. But he surprised them by being all prepared with a band of music, at the hall, where a dance was had.

Frank J. Tagan, of the firm of Tagan & Mangan, shoe manufacturers, died last Friday evening at the age of 30. The business will continue under the firm name of John J. Mangan & Co.

WILBRAHAM.

"Athena" will hold an open society at Fisk Hall this evening.

Quadrangle will meet with Mrs. Chas. Mowry to-morrow afternoon.

Francis E. Clark is teaching a singing class in the town hall at East Longmeadow.

The sons of Temperance celebrated their first anniversary at the South church on Sunday evening.

The farmer's club met Monday evening and discussed the question, "can we afford to pay farm laborers the wages demanded?"

The following officers were elected: President, C. A. Corbin; vice presidents, F. E. Clark and C. E. Peck; secretary and treasurer, H. M. Bliss; directors, A. A. Blanchard, W. F. Beebe, A. A. Phelps. The club will meet with C. A. Corbin next Monday evening and continue the discussion of last week.

EAST LONGMEADOW.

The Apollo society of Springfield gave a concert in the town hall Wednesday evening.

A singing school has been organized with about sixty scholars. F. E. Clark of Wilbraham is teacher.

The young people of the Congregational society are rehearsing a drama, which they will present in a few weeks.

Hit your horses. Ira Glick's horse was left in front of the post office recently, and becoming frightened, made a lively run toward home. He succeeded in demolishing a five-gallon can of oil, but was captured before any more damage was done.

The lyceum continues to draw full houses—over two hundred being present Tuesday evening, when the following officers were elected for the next term: President, O. L. Wolcott; vice president, F. W. Lathrop; secretary, Rosa Coombs; critic, E. L. B. Endicott.

NORTH WILBRAHAM.

Mrs. S. E. Baker and family have returned from their Boston visit.

Preaching at the Chapel by Rev. G. W. Mansfield at 5.30 o'clock Sunday evening.

A large pung load of young people attended the public exercises of Triumph Division, S. of T., at the Street Monday evening.

Mrs. Hoskins of India, who is here to educate her children at the academy, gave a very interesting talk on the work of missionaries in that country, at the chapel last Sunday evening. Her husband is still in the mission field.

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 30, 1885.

Special Notice.

A great many new names have been added to our list in the past two months, and to still further increase our list we make the following offer: We will send a copy of the *Palmer Journal*, for one year, free, to any person (or to any address they may desire) who shall send us the names of three new subscribers, with \$5.25, before March 1st. With very little effort you can aid us, and secure your local paper free for one year, or have it sent to some friend. Will you not send us the names?

The old Liberty bell left Philadelphia a week ago, on a special car, and arrived in New Orleans this week in safety.

Ex-Gov. Moses of South Carolina and the carpet-bag era seems to be finding his level, having been arrested at Detroit, brought to Boston and lodged in jail this week on the charge of obtaining money by false pretenses from Col. L. W. Higginson.

Quite a lively blaze got under headway in the capitol at Washington the other day, though it was extinguished without much damage being done; but the incident served to illustrate the necessity of an absolutely fire-proof building for the Congressional library and the old and important records.

Persistent attempts have been made for some time to convict ex-Gov. St. John, the Prohibition candidate for president in the late campaign, of trying to sell out to the Republicans, but conclusive evidence is now produced showing that the charge is absolutely false. The authors of such miserable calumnies ought to be hung up in a pillory to air these cool nights.

PETITIONS are being circulated by the Grand Army boys asking the Legislature to amend the Public Statutes so that the Grand Army and other charitable organizations may not be subject to a penalty for running lottery schemes at their fairs. If, however, it is all right for churches and Grand Army posts to gather in the shelds by lottery methods, it is certainly right for others to do the same, and it is hardly the fair thing to shut them out.

WEDNESDAY was a genuine old-fashioned winter day, with its fast-falling snow, the driving wind and bitter cold. The storm was about as near a blizzard as we have in this section, and it extended pretty much all over the country, blocking the railroads and delaying travel quite seriously in some parts of the West, and causing much suffering along the coast by its severity. Now that the snow has come in such liberal quantity let's all take a sleigh-ride and enjoy it while we may.

A CLOSE division of parties is theoretically desirable, but in practice it does not always work so well. The Illinois legislature is an illustration of this fact. The parties are evenly divided, and a Democratic senator is fatally ill. A United States senator is to be elected, but nothing can be done about it until the sick senator recovers, resigns or dies, as the Democrats would filibuster to the end to prevent an election, if a joint convention were attempted. Consequently no business of any kind is being done, and none is likely to be for some weeks.

STRANGE reports come from Florida of the existence of assassination societies in several towns, organized for the purpose of getting rid of objectionable people, white or black. The postmaster at Sara Sota was shot dead in the back a few days ago, in broad daylight, and other persons are supposed to have fallen victims to the society's sentence. Several prominent and influential citizens have been arrested as members of the gang, the claim being made that they were drawn into it by misrepresentation, and dared not divulge their terrible secret for fear of death. Northern people—or any other people for that matter—will be shy about settling in Florida if this sort of thing is to be encouraged.

THE annual winter meeting and reunion of the Massachusetts Press Association was held at the Revere House, Boston, on Tuesday, and a goodly proportion of the editors of the state—though not as many as there should have been—improved the opportunity to lay aside the pen and scissors for a day's recreation and interchange of thought and opinion. President Proctor declined to be a candidate for reelection, and W. S. Loomis of the Holyoke *Transcript* was elected to the position, an excellent choice, and a deserved one, this being the first time the presidency has come to this part of the state. Following the business meeting there was a pleasant reunion in the parlors, followed by the dinner, after which addresses were made by Col. Haskell of the governor's council, Secretary of State Pierce, and others, the exercises being interspersed with music and some admirable readings by Walter Pellham. In the evening many of the party accepted the invitation of Messrs. Tompkins & Hill, proprietors of the Boston Theatre, to witness the performance of Thatcher, Primrose & West's minstrels.

Great excitement was occasioned in London last Saturday afternoon by three dynamite explosions of great force and severity in the Parliament buildings. The first explosion was at Westminster Hall, the package containing the explosive being found at the foot of the stairs. A policeman took it in his arms and attempted to carry it out, but was compelled to drop it, when an explosion immediately followed which did considerable damage to the building. The second explosion occurred about three minutes later, under the stranger's gallery, and did a vast amount of damage to the building. The third was in the tower of London, which was crowded with visitors, many of whom were hurt, though none fatally injured. The damage to the buildings will reach about \$70,000. One man named Cunningham was arrested on suspicion, and is believed to be implicated in the crime, and diligent search is being made for others. The occurrence has caused the greatest indignation throughout the civilized world. The United States Senate on Monday passed a resolution denouncing the crime in severe terms, and there is a strong probability that it will lead to sharp restrictions on the manufacture and sale of dynamite. Such diabolical crimes cannot be too sharply condemned nor their perpetrators too severely punished.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

Revised edition—Where there's a will there's a law suit.

We would again politely request exchanges who make use of our items to give us credit therefor.

We see that a good many of our exchanges are publishing the "\$20 Biblical prize." Wonder how well it pays them? The old maids of the country must be getting married off, as 4,000,000 pounds less tea was consumed in this country last year than before.

The young fellow who is most skillful at managing a horse with one hand is the one who gets the most girls to go sleigh-riding with him.

Little Mabel, who had just seen a colored man for the first time, exclaimed: "Oh, mamma; dat man dot his face all covered with stove blating."

This winter has been so mild in this section that we haven't once heard of the oldest inhabitant, and think he must have perished with grief.

"Lime water for Burns," is the heading of an article in an exchange. Lime water may have been a favorite drink with Burns, but there are few now-a-days who follow Burns' example.

"Why, George!" she exclaimed, after they had been some time in the cold air, "Just look at your ear; it must be nearly frozen!" They don't speak now. George won't recognize any one who intimates that his ears stick out enough to enable him to see them.

She saw he looked rather dejected the other night, and so sang him a little song entitled "Why are you silent and sad, love?" and he said it was because the weather was so cold, and his overcoat had been left at his uncle's. She didn't catch on, and was real sorry for him.

That fraud-exposing fraud of Philadelphia, L. Lum Smith, publishes this editorial in his last issue of the *Agent's Herald*: "There is an unwritten law that makes it the duty of the press to expose corruption and fraud, and strike the hydra-headed monster wherever it appears, either in high or low places. Yet how few newspapers discharge this sacred duty."

We have never paid much attention to posting frauds, as we always satisfy ourselves as to the character of advertisements before inserting their ads., and supposed that other publishers were smart enough to do the same. But in the discharge of that "sacred duty" we must ex- pose L. Lum Smith. With a great deal of horror in his language he assails the "Vol-tate Belt Co." and other similar concerns, and then on the opposite page runs an ad- vertisement in which magnetic insoles are warranted to cure all ills to which the flesh is subject, simply by wearing them in the shoes.

Mrs. Louisa S. Baker of Nantucket, pastor of the Congregational church at that place, has petitioned the Legislature to make a special statute authorizing her to perform marriage ceremony. That body refuses to do so, and leaves the matter with the religious denomination to which Mrs. Baker belongs. This, however, refuses to grant her the power, and so she is left out in the cold on that point. It must be a queer religion in which a minister who is good enough to preach to, baptize and bury the people, is not of sufficient standing to marry them.

Chicago has a man who controls all the elections, and elects pretty much what he pleases, in the person of M. C. McDonald, a saloon keeper, gambler, etc. He goes bail for a large majority of the criminals in that city, who of course return the favor by working in his interest at election time, and influencing all their friends to do likewise. It is estimated that by this means he has 10,000 men at his command.

By the provisions of the will of the late John B. Jervis of Rome, N. Y., the place gets a library and building costing \$30,000, the American Board of Foreign Missions gets \$2000, the Presbyterian Home mission- ary board \$2000, American missionary association, \$2000, Hamilton college \$2000, Hampton institute \$1000.

Two boys at Woonsocket, R. I., who were sliding on the river last Sunday, broke through the ice and were drowned. The father was looking from the window, speculating on the risk they were running, not knowing that they were his children, and saw the sad affair.

A bill has been introduced in the Connecticut senate requiring dealers in dynamite explosives to take out yearly licenses, the penalty for neglecting to do so being a maximum fine of \$500 and imprisonment for three years.

Franklin Pierce, who some time ago caused the death of a woman by the external application of kerosene oil while she was sick, has been sentenced to two years imprisonment for his quackery.

An Indiana school trustee brought an injunction suit against a colored man to prevent his sending his children to the common school, and the judge granted the injunction.

A farmer near Dayton, O., quarrelled with the priest of the church to which he belonged, and afterwards felt so badly over the affair that it soon drove him insane.

Senator Fair of San Francisco has presented the Boys' and Girls' aid society of that city with a deed of a plot of land worth \$12,000, on which to build a home.

The prisoners in the Huntington, Pa. jail, revolted Tuesday, but were driven back to their cells at the point of a revolver by the police of the sheriff.

S. S. Conant, editor of *Harper's Weekly*, has been missing from his home in Brooklyn, N. Y., since the 16th inst., and no trace of him can be found.

The assistant city treasurer of Detroit committed suicide on Monday. He was to have been married Tuesday, but thought he would rather die.

J. K. Osgood, the founder of the red ribbon reform club movement, died at Gardner, Me., Wednesday morning at the age of 60.

It is reported that the widow of Tom Thumb is soon to marry again.

LOCAL NOTICES.

W. B. Milligan will close out all heavy winter household shoes regardless of cost. 1000 pieces of new five-cent music just received, including all the new and popular songs, airs and duets. For a complete catalogue call on or address G. L. Hitchcock.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

Fine coasting. Splendid sleighing. Wheels are at a discount. Begin to make up your sleds. Only six weeks to town meeting. The beautiful snow has come at last. No district court business this week. Now would be a good time to get up a sleighing party.

C. H. Baker is now running a skating rink at West Warren. Another shoe dealer in town—for particulars see birth column.

Some splendid moonlight nights for sleigh-riding this week. Dr. Wilkins has moved into his new office on Pleasant street.

Next Sunday promises to be a good day for the lively stable men.

The mode was over three hours and a quarter late yesterday morning.

January winds up its existence with the last day of the week, to-morrow. Miss Bertha Marshall now presides at the organ of the Universalist church.

Great times our horsemen have trotting horses to and from Shearer's corner.

The friends of C. A. Brown will be glad to learn that he is improving rapidly.

Only about a dozen tickets were sold at this station for the Montreal carnival.

The polo teams are practicing hard, and expect to play an exhibition game soon.

Several Masons from this place attended the social of the Monson lodge Tuesday evening.

A fellowship meeting is to be held with the Congregational church in this place February 18th.

Some of the young people of the village are arranging for a sleigh-ride party next Monday evening.

E. S. Gibbons of Birmingham, Ct., a former well-known shoe dealer here, was in town on Monday.

F. E. Sikes has bought the Nassawanno lively stable of F. N. Shepard, and has taken possession.

The man with the snow plow did good service yesterday morning in clearing the sidewalks of snow.

The first rehearsal for the old folks' concert will be held this evening at the parlors of St. Paul's church.

Rev. L. H. Cobb, D. D., of New York, will preach at the Congregational church next Sunday evening.

Rev. E. A. Perry attended the dedicatory exercises of All Souls' church at Worcester on Wednesday.

The reading circle of the Congregational church will meet at the parsonage on Pleasant street this evening.

Dr. C. W. Cross and J. H. Smith attended the department convention G. A. R. at Boston yesterday and to-day.

An old folks' concert, for the benefit of the Universalist church, is in rehearsal, and will be given before many weeks.

Solemn requiem mass, "Month's Mind," for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Nora Connelan, was held in St. Thomas' church this morning.

W. R. Madison lost a valuable setter dog one day last week and believed him stolen, but has since found him in Wales, where he had followed a train.

The dancing school will be open to visitors next Tuesday evening. Exercises by the class from 8 to 9, after which there will be dancing until 12.

A sleigh-ride party of 25 couples from Ware stopped at the Weeks House last evening, and another party of the same number is coming to-morrow evening.

The week has been a decidedly cold one, probably the coldest seven days of the winter thus far, the mercury keeping well down toward zero the most of the time.

The Universalist church was filled to its utmost capacity last Sunday evening at the union temperance meeting, and a good deal of interest seemed to be taken in the subject.

The cold weather of the past ten days has proved a bonanza to the ice men, and they have commenced filling the houses with a stock of clear ice about ten inches in thickness.

On account of the storm Wednesday there was but one session of the schools in this village. The scholars were not sent home at noon, but were dismissed for the day about one o'clock.

The young people of the Congregational society will hold their regular monthly so- ciable next Friday evening at the house of James B. Shaw on South Main street. An interesting programme has been prepared.

At St. Paul's church Sunday evening Rev. Mr. Perry will continue his series of discourses on hard sayings, taking for text Matthew 5: 39—"Whoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also."

A quantity of new book type has been added to our job room stock this week, and we are now better prepared than ever before to turn out town reports, catalogues, etc., at short notice, and in a first class manner, at low rates.

The ladies' society of the Congregational church, at their meeting last Friday, elected Mrs. M. R. Whitcomb, president; Mrs. L. M. Barleigh, vice president; Mrs. W. H. Hitchcock, secretary; Miss Carrie E. Lacey, treasurer.

A large refrigerator, capable of holding 50 beaves, is being built in Clark & Hastings' building, on Main street, by the Cold Blast Refrigerator Co. of Boston. Messrs. Clark & Hastings expect to occupy their building in about two weeks.

The first real snow storm of the season was on Wednesday, when nearly eight inches of snow fell, making splendid sleigh- ing.

The wind blew quite fiercely all day, drifting the snow badly, and making many of the trains late in consequence.

We are requested to state that the item in this morning's *Republican* that the Thorne- like literary club, announces a concert for this evening, is a mistake, as no such concert is to take place, and those of our citizens who contemplate attending when it is given, need not make a useless trip to that village.

The supper and dance given by the young people of the Universalist church last Friday evening was a very successful affair. It is said that there were more dancers on the floor than at any previous dance in the place. The company was quite select, and all enjoyed the evening. About \$50 will be cleared.

There were two sleigh-rides to the village from Ware on Monday afternoon. One of 20 couples stopped at the Nassawanno House, and the other 17 couples, put up at the Weeks House. In the evening nearly all attended the skating rink, where Manager Leach furnished music especially for them.

By a mistake last week our types stated that there had been 166 deaths in town during the past year. It was only the addition of a figure 1, but it increased the number of deaths 100. The figures should have been 66, making the death rate only 11 per 1000 inhabitants, instead of 28, as it figured out last week.

The First Congregational society are making arrangements for a course of lectures by prominent men, to be given at intervals during the rest of the winter. We have not had a course of lectures for several years, and hope our people will liberally patronize this one. Particulars will be given as soon as decided upon.

A great many of the tramps who are fed and lodged at the expense of the town this winter do not appear to belong to the regular order of tramps, but are well dressed, and have evidently seen better times, and only been on the road a few weeks at the most. They are undoubtedly mill hands, who, thrown out of employment by the shut-down of the factories, and having nothing laid by to fall back upon, have taken to getting their living in this manner.

In offering the *Cottage Hearth* with the JOURNAL, it is not necessary that subscribers to this paper commence with the first of January; they can commence at any time, but must be handed in before the first of March in order to secure the magazine. The back numbers of the *Cottage Hearth* are sent to every subscriber, so that their volume is made complete, commencing with the January number. Send in your subscription at once, or induce some friend to try his local paper for a year.

It is amusing to see how some men will calculate, and watch, and figure, and squint, and almost resort to measuring the ground with a tape and making the dividing mark with a chalk-line, in their anxiety lest they clear some of the snow from their neighbor's walk. One man was seen on Wednesday afternoon, after he had cleared off one side of his walk and got a little over his boundary line, to throw enough snow from the other half of his walk on his neighbor's, to make up for what he had removed.

One of our real nice grocery clerks started out to have his picture taken the other day. He sat for the same and thought he was going to have a real nice article—one that would captivate all the girls at a glance, but when the artist showed him the proof he almost fainted. It looked more like a Nihilist, Fenian, or some fellow from the backwoods, than the one for whom it was intended, and all his fond hopes vanished at once. The idea that he looked anything like the picture is New t' him, and he will try again.

The advisability of attempting to start a debating society in this village has been discussed somewhat by the young men of the place, who think that it would be a good idea to have one. To be able to get up before an audience and make a few remarks without any preparation, or, indeed, to deliver an address in an acceptable manner after it has been prepared, is an accomplishment but comparatively few men possess, and a debating society would be a good school for young people in this line.

There was a hearing at the district court on Monday in the matter of a liquor seizure made at Timothy O'Connell's in Monson some time since, and the liquor and the vessel containing it were declared forfeited to the commonwealth. The officer who made the search found a jug which had formerly had liquor in it, and the drawings panned out a half gill of the ardent. He made a return of the seizure, notice was served on O'Connell to appear and give evidence why it should not be forfeited, and the costs kept going up "higher and higher," until it cost the commonwealth \$18.13 to become the owner of that half gill of liquor and a jug to store it in. Such liquor prosecutions as this do not scare the liquor dealer any, and it is worse than foolish to spend the money of the commonwealth in this manner.

The railroad committee held a meeting at Boston yesterday for the purpose of giving a hearing on the question of authorizing the railroad commissioners to grant authority to railroads to establish interlocking or automatic signals at the crossing of two roads. Should this authority be granted, two trains each way daily would probably pass Palmer without stopping—the 11.18 a. m. and 6.37 p. m. trains going west, and the 1.13 and 8.24 p. m. going east, all fast New York express trains. The New York & New England road is getting in good shape, and makes the run from Boston to New York in six hours, at an average speed of 34 miles per hour, while the B. & A. trains must run at least 40 miles per hour in order to make the run in that time, hence their fast New York trains will very likely eventually pass here without stopping, though our citizens would protest vigorously at being shut off from all these trains.

RINK NOTES.

The Ware party which visited the rink Monday evening speak of it in the highest terms. The attraction next Wednesday evening

will be Prof. I. J. Gibbons, a contortionist who is well spoken of, and who does various different feats. Skating before and after the exhibition.

Next Friday evening there will be skating from 7 until 8.30, after which Mungler's orchestra will furnish music for dancing until 1 o'clock, and W. G. Ryan will prompt.

THE SECOND FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

There was a very good attendance at the second institute under the auspices of the Eastern Hampden Agricultural Society last Tuesday, to discuss the question of general stock breeding. Messrs. Carpenter, Lynds, Stone, Moores, and others took part in the discussion. As to the most desirable breeds of stock, a man must breed that which is best adapted to his requirements—for butter the Jersey, for milk the Ayrshire, for beef the Durham, and so on through the list. Even then full blooded stock did not always meet the requirements, it was claimed, for poor qualities would sometimes show in spite of the most careful breeding. All stock with blemishes or imperfections should be discarded for breeding purposes, as the imperfections are often transmitted. As to the feeding of stock, experience had shown that the better plan with calves was to feed high the first year, as they did better under this method than at any subsequent time.

The next institute will be held February 26th, when the treatment of pasture lands and the raising of fruit will be discussed. The matter of repairing the building on the society's land was left to the directors.

Our Young Man About Town.

That lots of people in town are planning to visit Boston on "stockholders' day," "That about seven-eighths of the residents of this village sympathize with 'a citizen and stockholder' in his communication of last week."

"That not one-quarter as much talk is made about that depot fence by our citizens as is made by the traveling public who wish to stop over only an hour or two at this station."

"That he hit some one pretty hard last week."

"That they threatened to give him — for it."

"But that he has not received it yet."

"That our merchants say it is extremely hard work to collect what is due them."

"That there is already some talk about license or no license at the next town meeting."

"That there is more drunkenness and disorder under license than under no license."

"That the name 'stockholders' day' should be changed to 'shopholders' day.'"

"That Palmer people will bring home lots of goods from Boston that day which they could buy just as cheap at home."

"That they had better leave that money with our home merchants, and so help make better times."

"That there will be a hard fight at the polls on the license question in March."

"But that the no license men will carry the day."

THREE RIVERS.

The last one of the course of entertain- ments will be given at the Union church this evening and will consist of a concert.

BONDVILLE.

Austin Capen was thrown from his wagon the other day by a colt he was breaking, and had his shoulder dislocated.

James Farrell is much concerned as to the whereabouts of his brother Michael, who has not been heard from since the 11th of the month.

EAST LONGMEADOW.

The ice men were busily engaged filling their houses this week.

O. C. Hunn has connected his residence with his market by telephone.

Dr. Blackmer gave a very interesting lecture on temperance in the town hall Sunday evening.

The schools at the Center had a sleigh-ride to Westfield Thursday, and on their return an oyster supper was served in the hall.

LUDLOW.

The reading by Miss Marion Starns last Monday evening was much enjoyed by all. The receipts more than covered the expenditures.

The ladies of the Methodist society at the Center held a social in the church last evening. A musical and literary entertainment, with a supper, was provided.

The funeral of little Annie Booth, whose clothes caught fire from a live coal falling on them while her mother was absent for a moment, was largely attended on Sunday. The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Barr, and the Sunday school children sang.

WALES.

The young people will have a sleigh-ride Friday night.

A. F. Fisher sells his stock of stoves, ranges, etc., at auction to-morrow afternoon.

People are filling their ice houses with 10-inch ice. O. C. Switzer is putting in 200 tons for his next summer's trade.

The ladies of the Baptist church held their annual fair and festival on Wednesday and Thursday evenings in their vestry.

The potato race at the skating rink last Saturday evening drew a large number of spectators. J. Hubbard was the successful contestant.

The lecture given on Tuesday evening by E. A. Ober was largely attended, the church being entirely filled. The lecture was a very interesting one, Mr. Ober holding the close attention of his audience to the close.

The many friends of W. J. McElwain will be pained to learn of his dangerous illness in the hospital at Pittsburg, Pa., of typhoid fever and hemorrhage of the bowels. At latest accounts grave fears were felt for his recovery.

The continued absence of Mr. Farrell is exciting the gravest apprehensions among his relatives and friends. A rumor was started last Wednesday that his body had been found in the canal at Dockville, but on interviewing the coroner and other citizens it was proven a rumor and nothing more.

The name of the temperance division located at this place will be known hereafter as the Rising Sun division, Sons of Temperance, the name of the former division, Star of Hope, having been discontinued. It

is the intention of the lodge to give an entertainment in the near future, of which due notice will be given in these columns.

WEST WARREN.

Marcus Burroughs has put in about 20 tons of ice this week.

Rev. W. H. Adams, who has been ill for the last two weeks, is able to be out again. J. S. Barrows, a former pastor of the Methodist church, occupied the pulpit last Sabbath.

The original colored Norfolk Jubilee Singers gave a concert in Washington Hall Thursday night.

Mrs. A. Clisbee of Main street started Tuesday for Memphis, Tenn., and will be gone about a month.

The Caledonian club has elected Andrew Martin, honored chief; James C. Grant, first chieftain; Andrew McDuff, second; Craig Stewart, third.

The main shafting in No. 4 mill broke last Friday morning, delaying further business until Monday. It is reported that No. 2 mill will shut down the first of February, waiting for further orders.

WILBRAHAM.

The "Quadrangle" will meet with Mrs. Charles Mowry Saturday afternoon.

The day of prayer for colleges was observed by services in the reading room of Rich Hall in the morning. In the afternoon there were union services, with a sermon in the chapel of the memorial church.

Owing to the severe storm on Wednesday the festival which was to have been held in the Congregational church was postponed until this evening. C. E. Peck will give some of the experiences of his three-years' life in the army. War songs and other music will be interspersed. A turkey supper will be served in the chapel.

At the meeting of the farmers' club last Monday evening, some of the members advocated that the land had better be idle for a time, as the wages of farm hands were too high compared with the price of the products. It was also stated that farmers would not live so much help in the spring unless a reduction of from \$3 to \$5 per month was made in wages. H. M. Bliss was chosen delegate to the New Orleans agricultural convention, which opens February 10th. The club will meet next Monday evening with Mr. Bliss, and discuss "What branch of farming shall we engage in to compete successfully with those living nearer the city?"

NORTH WILBRAHAM.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Women's Benevolent Association will occur at the home of the president, Mrs. E. H. Cutler. Gentlemen invited to tea.

On Wednesday the advanced school, in charge of Miss Emma Brewer, enjoyed a sleigh-ride to Springfield. While the sleighing lasts, other schools will avail themselves of a similar pleasure.

Samuel Hollingsworth, about 50 years of age, broke his leg below the knee last week while crossing a brook, by the ice breaking and letting his foot through, which threw him forward upon his face. He was compelled to crawl some distance before he could get any help.

C. E. Abbee of Sarasota, Fla., who was assassinated a short time ago, was a personal friend of postmaster E. B. Gates, and on his annual visits usually made an interesting display of fruits and curiosities found in that section. Mr. Abbee had disposed of large tracts of land to parties of this town and vicinity, some of which is under profitable cultivation. He was an upright, fearless man, and was feared by the unscrupulous, who had before threatened his life, going so far at one time as to have made all preparations to hang him, but for some reason the plans failed. Mr. Abbee was a erect shot, and when about home usually had his trusty rifle with him.

The C. C. S. club of the Universalist parish will give their first social party at Central Hall next Thursday evening, with an entertainment at 7.30, and dancing from 9 to 11. An admission fee of 10 cents will be charged.

A large number of Masons, with their families, attended the Masonic social at Central Hall Tuesday evening. Miss Starns rendered her selections in a highly enjoyable manner, and Mr. Fisher's singing was pronounced very fine.

An active temperance man in this town says—and he is in a position to know whereof he speaks—that the no license system of the past few years has caused liquor to be sold in more places, and more to be drunk, than under the old license way.

The annual report of the Congregational church shows the benevolent contributions for the past year to have been \$2771.75. The Sunday school had 282 members, and an average attendance of 153, an increase of 10 over the previous year. Eight have been added to the church membership. The new choir is very attractive, and the congregations are full. In the absence of Mr. Holmes the pastor superintends the Sunday school.

Mr. Editor—Having noticed in your issue of January 16th certain intimations to the effect that there was

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Why Girls Will Wed.

She rose at the early daybreak,
With a sick and aching head,
And she said—this cross little woman—
"I wonder why girls will wed?"
They wouldn't, I am sure, if they reckoned
The things that a wife must bear,
The never-done work of a household,
The never-done mother-care.

"Six-dozen pieces to wash to-day,
And the children must go to school,
And every one knows on washing-days
Italy is cross as a rule;
And Bridget is not to be work yet,
(Oh, dear, how my head does ache!)
Yet I shall have the dinner to cook,
And all of the beds to make."

But as soon as the breakfast was ready,
Father came in from the yard;
He kissed the sick little mother,
"Was sure that the work was hard."
He said to the noisy boys: "Be still!
Your mother's not well to-day;
And wished, when he had been 'good by,'
He would kiss the pain away."

And the coffee or kiss—which was it?
Healed like a magical charm!
The spirit of diligent gladness
Was everywhere on the farm.
The father worked hard at the ploughing,
The mother forgot her pain,
Bridget did well with her washing,
There wasn't a drop of rain.

The laking and cleaning were over
When the boys came home from school;
Baby forgot it was washing day,
And pleasantly broiled his rule.
And at night the house was clean and bright—
There wasn't a thing amiss,
"It's only a wife," the father thought,
"Would do so much for a kiss."

And the wife sitting down in the twilight,
The baby asleep at her side,
Her husband clapping and watching her
With a husband's loving pride,
Thought much of her full and pleasant home,
Of her children asleep in bed,
And said, with a sweet, contented laugh,
"No wonder that girls will wed!" —Lillie Bar.

THE NEW AGENT.

"Susan, I tell you, I can't live so much longer. I'm working the flesh off my bones, I'm starving myself; you are starving; and the Lord knows our children are poorly enough off. I tell you 'tain't no use. I can't live so. Sometimes when I get to thinking of it right up and down—in earnest—I feel as though I'd rather go to the work-house and have done with it."

"I know it's hard, Malcolm, but really, couldn't it be harder?"

"Harder? Be harder? What can you imagine harder'n what we have to endure now?"

"I was thinking of the health of our little ones, Malcolm, and of our own health, too."

"Jing it all! I didn't mean to tell you, Susan, but I can't keep it no longer. Carter says the squire's going to make another raise on rent."

"No, no; Malcolm. You do not mean it."

"It's just as true as gospel. Five shillings a month. That's three pounds a year."

"Oh, Malcolm, I don't believe the squire's got anything to do with the business. It's Carter's own doin', now you depend upon it."

"I've thought of that myself, Susan; but look: The young blood is always on the Continent—in Paris, I believe—where he's been ever since he came from Cambridge, and he's spending money fast. I tell you, I look to see the whole grand estate, hall, abbey and all, put up to the highest bidder one of these days. And it ain't as it was when young Phillip's father was livin'."

We weren't ground down then. He lived on his place and looked out for hisself, and now you see where the money's going at he laid up—thousands upon thousands of pounds! Eh? who's that, I wonder?"

It was a rap on the outer door. Malcolm got up and took a candle and went to answer the summons.

He found on the broad stone step a young man, tall and strong, clad in rough forest garb such as game-keepers and foresters garb would wear—leather breeches and leather jackets, with strong leather gaiters, and upon his head a Highland bonnet. He carried in his hand a fowling-piece, with short pouch and powder horn at his side.

"Ah, stranger, got caught in a shower—Come right in. We've room, sir, and a bit of fire to boot."

The stranger spoke pleasantly and cheerfully, and in a laughing way described his mishap.

After he had partially dried his garments, the good wife asked him if he would take a sup and a bite, if she would set it before him.

With a genial smile he answered that he was hungry. He would not put her to the trouble, but if—

Malcolm stopped him abruptly.

"Don't talk of putting us to trouble, sir. What are we good for if we can't help one another in times of trouble and want? We hadn't got much, and what we have got's plain an' homely, but it's good, and it's honestly come by."

And thereupon Susan set out a small table, and prepared a substantial meal.

When the meal was ready the stranger ate and drank with a relish, and when he had concluded he gladly accepted a pipe, and as he smoked he began to question his host about himself and his affairs. He said he was almost a stranger in those parts and knew but little about it.

"What?" he exclaimed in surprise, when Malcolm told him who his landlord was; "does this farm belong to the Maxwell estate? I had no idea that the territory extended so far."

"Yes, sir," responded the farmer. "Young Phillip Maxwell owns a big estate, and it's a pity he don't take care of it. If all I hear is true, he is runnin' it pretty fast."

"Is that so? What makes you think it?" asked the stranger.

"What makes me think it?" echoed Malcolm, elevating his brows, and blowing out an extra cloud of smoke. "Would a young man like him, without a family—leastwise I never heard of his bein' married—would

he, own'n' such a grand estate as this, crowd down a poor man like me until he'd got almost his last shillin' and then, on top o' that, jam and crowd harder still, if he wasn't going it pretty fast?"

"Yes, sir," he went on, "I've been paying a rent for this farm that no man ever ought to pay—a rent that has robbed me, and to my good wife, and the little ones, of things that we really needed—and now it's to be raised again. Susan—that's my wife, sir—her father rented this farm, and she was born here, which, you'll understand, kind o' teaches her to the place. Well, her father paid ten pounds a year, and paid once in six months. My first year's rent was twelve pounds, and then it went up, and up, and for two years past I've paid two pounds a month; and now, sir, I've got notice that I'm to pay an advance of five shillings a month. That's three pounds more a year. Not much you may say; but it's the last straw that breaks the camel's back. When a man's pay'n' all he can pay, how can he pay any more?"

"But," said the wayfarer, shaking the ashes from his pipe: "why don't you speak to the squire himself?"

"What! and he away in Paris?"

"Then why not write to him?"

"Ah, sir, there you've hit it! When young master Phillip came into possession he made a law that the man who complained to him should be turned off at once. He's kind o' ticklish, I should judge, about being bothered, and he don't like to have his feelings stirred up; so when he took possession he was determined he wouldn't have no complaints nor fault-finding. He planned that he would enjoy all of life that could be enjoyed, and if his tenants had troubles they shouldn't saddle 'em on to him. So, d'see, he just made that rule—and he made it strong—the man that opened his head to him about his rent, or about any short-comin' whatever, or that dared to write to him, should be turned off neck and heels, without further warnin'."

"But, dear man, do you think Master Phillip Maxwell would really do that?" the guest asked with considerable interest.

"Would he? Ah, didn't you?" cried Malcolm, explosively. "Go and ask poor old Dan Sampson what he thinks. Old Dan had the Goodspeed farm—one of the best of the estate—as large as six of this. He dared to post a letter to the squire, and he got his discharge papers off-hand. Yes, sir, he was turned away and the farm let to another man a week after his letter had been put in the post. Silas Carter must have the postmaster under his thumb. In fact, the Squire owns the buildings where the store and the postoffice are. Ah, it was different when the old Squire was livin'."

He never turned a deaf ear to an honest tenant—not he!"

"Why—look, Susan an' me—we kind o' promised ourselves that we'd give our second child—little George—he's ten years old now, sir—that we'd give him a little better education than boys of his rank generally get; but we can't do it now. This last rise in our rent has took the last penny—and more, too. Really and truly, I don't think I can pay it. I hate to give up the dear old place where Susan was born and reared; but it must come. I can have a farm of Sir Oliver Thornfield for about one half what I've got to pay another year for this."

"But pardon me, good sir; this is no business o' yours, but you asked me a question, and I got a goin', and didn't know how to stop, seein' that the rise in my rent had just been made. But, believe me, good sir, I ain't in the habit o' tellin' this kind o' stuff out o' school. You're the first man—not one of us—have ever opened my head to on the subject. I wouldn't like that Silas Carter should hear what I've been tellin'; 'cause, d'see, such things sound so different second hand."

"Have no fear of me, my good man," returned the stranger heartily. "My name is Sidney—George Sidney. I have met young Maxwell; and should I come across him again, you may be sure I shall give him a gentle hint of how things are running here. Is there any one on the estate whom you think would be entirely fit and competent in every way for an agent, Carter's place?"

"Yes, sir," answered Malcolm promptly and heartily. "I know just the man, sir, my wife's presence. It is her brother, John Guilford. He used to rent a farm here; but got disgusted with Carter's uprightness and left. He's now with Sir Oliver—a sort of usual man about the old estate, but not engaged permanently."

"Do you ever write to your young master?"

"No, sir; never."

"I suppose you can write?"

The honest, hard-headed farmer colored up to the eyes; and before he could speak, his wife answered for him:

"Good sir, Malcolm's got into a sort of careless way of speaking, but I do assure you he's got a good education. As for writing, he's done that ever since he was a child; and Mr. Carter'll tell you—if he will tell the truth—that my husband has straightened out his accounts and written important letters for him more than once. Malcolm won't speak for himself, but I'll speak for him."

Mr. Sidney nodded and smiled, and changed the subject. He asked Malcolm about his land, his crops and the best methods of treating land for different kinds of seed. And then he asked about the best quality of the land of the various large farms on the estate, and sought to know how they were carried on.

To all his questions the farmer not only gave intelligent answers, but he offered many thoughts and suggestions that might have been of real value to the owner of the property.

At nine o'clock Malcolm suggested that, as it was very late and very dark, with rain still falling, Sidney had better spend the night with them, if he could put up with their homely accommodation.

He accepted the offer gratefully.

The good wife provided him with a clean

and comfortable sleeping robe, and gave him a comfortable bed in which to sleep; and on the following morning, after a good breakfast, the weather being clear and bright, he bade his entertainers a kindly adieu, promising them that if he were ever in that region again he would not fail to call.

That afternoon Malcolm harnessed his horse and rode to the village, where he found great commotion. The Squire—young Mr. Phillip—had arrived at the hall, and it was believed that he was going to spend the summer on his estate. Who had seen him? Nobody. But they knew he had come because his luggage had come.

"I went up to the hall last evening," said the keeper of the village inn, "but he was not there. They told me he had been there but had gone out."

Just then a servant from the hall arrived on the spot—the largest village store where the post office was. In a moment he was puffed with questions.

"Where did the Squire go last night?" the landlord of the inn asked him.

"I don't know," answered the servant.

"He took his gun about the middle of the afternoon yesterday, and went into the woods to start a deer, he said; and, if you'll believe me, he didn't get back until this morning. I don't know where he stopped. I can't imagine."

Malcolm Wansley felt dizzy. His head seemed to whirl round and his throat to fill up.

Without a word to anybody, he got back into his wagon and drove home—drove to his door just as a light chaise from the hall pulled up, in which was one of the Squire's grooms.

Malcolm was wanted at the hall at once. He was to ride with the messenger.

The startled man did not dare tell his wife of the wonderful thing that had happened.

He unharnessed his own horse and put him back in the stable, and then, simply saying to Susan that he was going to the hall, he got into the chaise and was driven away.

Arrived at the great mansion—Maxwell Hall—Malcolm was conducted at once into the main vestibule, thence into the great hall, and so on through the sumptuously furnished library, where sat his guest of the previous evening, who arose at once, advancing with a genial, kindly smile and an extended hand.

"Well, well, Malcolm, we are met again. No stammering, man. There has been no deception. Didn't you know my baptismal name? George Phillip Sidney Maxwell."

Malcolm might have remembered, if he had only thought, but he had not thought.

Maxwell pointed the farmer to a seat and then opened conversation; but there is no need that we should follow all that was said.

The Squire spoke of his old agent, Silas Carter, closing his remarks on that subject thus:

"I should serve him but justly if I should consign him to the country gale; but I have stripped him of his ill-gotten gains, most of which I shall restore to the tenants whom he has robbed in my name; and I have cast him out from our midst, warning him that if I ever see him here again I may proceed against him legally."

And after a few remarks on other subjects, he said:

"And now, Malcolm, a word regarding yourself. The pretty stone cottage in the park is empty since Carter left it, and I am without an agent and superintendent. They are open to you—the cottage and the office—if you will accept them, and I may add that by accepting them you will confer a favor on me which will command my deepest and warmest gratitude. I think I shall not be disappointed. Ah, none of that! My eyes are open, I know what I am doing! Not only will I take your wife's word, but I have spoken with others, and I hear but one report. All speak in your favor. Come, say the word, and I will go the superintendent's office and place the books and papers in your hands."

It was in the dusk of the evening when Malcolm Wansley was set down at his own door.

"Malcolm, where have you been?"

"Where I told you I was going—to the hall."

"For what?"

"The Squire sent for me."

"The Squire? Is he at home?"

"Yes, and intends to remain at home."

"Oh, I am glad of that. But what in the world did he want of you?"

"Oh, nothing particular. He only wants us to live in the stone cottage in the park, and he has made me his agent and general superintendent."

"Malcolm Wansley! How can you?"

"But it is true—every word of it."

"Made—you—his—agent! And who in the world ever put the idea into his head?"

"You did, my darling?"

"I? Oh, what a—"

"Hold on! The Squire ate supper here last evening, and spent the night with us."

"Oh, oh! Was it—"

"Yes, dear wife, it is all as I tell you. Does it please you?"

"Oh, Malcolm, how can we ever be thankful enough?"

"Simply by doing the very best we can for Phillip Maxwell."

"You are right, my husband, and we will do it."

And they kept their word, both of them, and before another year had passed away not only did the young squire bless the storm that drove him into the humble shelter of Malcolm Wansley's humble cot, but his tenants of every class had cause to turn their blessings in the same direction.

Mrs. Phoebe Towle of Newark, N. J., will be 104 years old if she lives until the 4th day of July next. The Towle family are remarkable for their longevity. Look at the printing office towel, for instance.—Norristown Herald.

A NEW YORK BACHELOR'S HONEYMOON.

Monday, December 15.—I was married yesterday to Dolly. We had a grand display—flowers from Klunder, supper from Pidard, and no end of presents. I slipped old Tollenmache's check for \$5000 into my pocket and I will cash it this afternoon. I need the money badly, as I have pretty well used up the \$500 I borrowed to get married on. It isn't paid for, but Tollenmache says he will fail next month, so it doesn't matter. I hope he will fail as soon as possible, as he is always flush after a failure. After the reception we bade everybody good-by and started for Washington amid a shower of rice and old shoes. One of Tollenmache's shoes hit a little beggar girl and I guess she's hurt, as I saw them carry her away. We didn't get any further toward Washington than the Cosmopolitan hotel, where we are now. Dolly says it don't matter, as her set never come so far down town. We shall move into our flat inside of two days. It's on Nineteenth street and fourth avenue. Only \$30 a month; but Dolly thinks it costs \$100 a month, so it's all right.

Tuesday, December 16.—I tried to cash the check yesterday, and the cashier of the bank said that Tollenmache had no account there. Guess I'm left on that. I've written to the old man to send the silver up to the flat. If it comes to the worst I can pawn some of it. I shall move to the flat this afternoon, as the hotel bill is mounting up and I have only \$30 left. Dolly insists on ordering the most expensive dishes. I wanted her to take a trip on the elevated road to High ridge, but she was afraid to go lest some of her acquaintances might see her. I have hired a girl for the flat (a big, strong thing—the girl not the flat) her name is Maria. She is to do all the housework, as Dolly has been reared so delicately that she don't know how to do anything at all. My darling is very artistic; she does the loveliest things in colored worsted and paints on paper.

Wednesday, December 17.—Here we are in the flat. Things are rather mixed up just yet. There are no sheets on the bed. (Mem.—must order some.) Had a rather plain breakfast this morning: Fried eggs, toast and tea. Nothing in the house yet. Wedding presents come up; only plated ware. Note from old Tollenmache saying he had hired the solid silver for the occasion. Left again. Dolly read a novel and I went out for a walk. Met Jones; he congratulated me; don't think he was serious. Came back to lunch; eggs and toast again. Dolly won't go out until she has been "a week in Washington." Went down to the shop and told them I would be back to work on Monday. Meant to stay away longer, but must have money. Went back to dinner. No dinner; cook drunk; smashed stove; Dolly locked in her room crying. Sent for policeman and gave him fifty cents to take her away. Dolly and I got dinner at a restaurant. Lit a fire in the stove and passed the evening at home. Dolly fell asleep in chair. Shaved myself and cut a big gash in my chin.

Thursday, December 18.—Got up at 9 and lighted a fire in stove. Went out three or four times and filled house with smoke. Forgot to turn dampers on. People came from other flats and asked if we were in fire. Dolly got up at 10. Asked her to cook breakfast while I sat table. Refused; said she was not brought to be a servant. Told her that her father had carried a hod—tried—had it from his old boss. She cried again. Boiled eggs and toast. Dolly read a novel. I went for a walk in the park; visited museum; saw chimpanzee; wished I was chimpanzee—no trouble, no expense, everything prepared for you.

Friday, December 19.—Asked Dolly to go after another girl. Refused; said she was afraid. Went myself—bired stout colored woman. Sent her home. Took lunch down town. Came home to dinner. No dinner. Colored woman stayed two hours and ran away with all the tableware. Got dinner at restaurant. Dolly says she is sick. Took her home. Old man mad—says she can't stay still Monday. Advertised flat to rent, furnished. Went out to see the boys and make a night of it. Forgot the rest.

Saturday, December 20.—Slept in police station. Justice Duffy said I had behaved very badly; fine \$10. Told him I was married on Monday and was, celebrating. Fine reduced to \$5. Here I am in a "cooler." Only got \$2, so I'll have to stay until Monday; wish I hadn't got married; wish I was dead. Guess I'll leave Dolly with old man for a month. Then I'll try boarding. Don't think I was made for a married man.—New York Life.

It is said that Burns' famous song, "Comin' Through the Rye," did not have reference to a rye field, but to the small river Rye, in Ayrshire, which could be forded. In wading over, however, the lassies had to hold up their petticoats, and it was a favorite pastime of Bobby Burns and his chieftains to come to the Rye. When they got to mid-stream the "laddies" would wade over and snatch a kiss from the "lassies," who were unable to resist without dropping their clothes in the water.

Interesting but hardly important: Put a kernel of corn on a square of a checker board, move it to the next and put another kernel with it, continue the operation, doubling the number of kernels with each man until all the 64 squares are marked in succession, and you will have corn enough to fill 1,844,375 barrels, each holding 1,000,000 bushels of grain.

"Yes, sir," said Jenkins, "Smithers is a man who keeps his word; but then he has to." "How is that?" asked Jones. "Because no one will take it."

Though vinegar is of a sour disposition, it was never known to go back on its mother.

The Stranger Up from Long's.

It was in the mouth of Jewly,
In the present year of grace,
The sun hung in the blue sky,
Of a cloud there wasn't a trace.
Our athletic 'sociation
Had convened together strong,
And we steamed with perspiration
When a stranger came from Long's.

He stood in on all the funnel,
And he chewed our mane at cards;
And he, with his little finger,
Beat us shooting sixty yards.
Then he run a hundred paces
In ten seconds to a size,
And look in eight hundred cases
To our sorrow and surprise.

Then he beat us runnin' horses,
And he beat us run 'n' jump,
As we figured up our losses
We concluded him no chump.
Then spoke Beggs, our secretary,
"I'm the best man on the hills;
I'm the unpicked luckberry,
And I'm down on all the bills."

"I'm a gawwin' at my mangle,
And from now till set of sun
I'll try on this gentle stranger
At the first eye-out for fun.
I've stayed till the last dog died,
And at good ole stopwatch hold
I'll shore make him think he's hogtied!
To the hind hocks of a colt."

The air was full of arms and legs,
And when the dust blew clear,
We distinguished in the landscape, Beggs,
A stand on his ear.
The stranger rolled his cigarette,
And smoked awhile and mused—
I most kin see his figure yet—
Then said he'd be excused.

For Long's was quite a distance,
And he landed on his boss,
And we offered no resistance,
For that stranger was the boss.
"An annual is hogtied when all four of the feet
are tied together."
—Cleveland Herald.

CARELESSNESS AND OVERWORK.

It was carelessness and overwork that killed Matt Carpenter, the greatest lawyer the Northwest has ever known, and one that was as much at the practice as Roscoe Conkling does to-day.

"Senator Carpenter had a strong constitution to begin with," said his law partner, not long ago, "but it broke down entirely at the last, and one year before he died his physician told him he could not live over that time. Senator Carpenter accepted this conclusion as final, but he said nothing of it to his family. He went about his business as usual, and all through that year in which he was waiting for death he put his affairs in the most careful order. He studied his case as carefully as the most practiced physician, but could find nothing to assure him of any hope, and each day he would say, pointing to the calendar as he did so, 'I see I have just so many more days to live.' He was at the office several days before he died, and he was perfectly well aware that his end would come in a few days. He then told his family his real condition, and at the time he had expected to die he quietly passed away."

It was night work and the disregard of the laws of health which killed Matt Carpenter. It was his custom, it is said, to do all of his study at night. At eleven o'clock he would begin with a strong cigar and a bottle of wine and would work on by the aid of these stimulants until one. At this time he would change from wine to brandy, and would keep his intellect up to its full working power by taking sips of old Hennessy up to four o'clock.

As the summer sun began to peep into the windows of his study he would drop work and go off to bed. He would then sleep about five hours, when he would arise as fresh as his fellows who had put in the whole night. For twenty years of active life his constitution stood this strain without falling. It then began to droop, and at last it fell to pieces all at once like the old man's slay.

A NEWSPAPER GOLD MINE.

If you want "show" combined with rapid money making, says a London letter, you must pay a visit to the office of the Daily Telegraph in Fleet street. The paper lived on sensation until it arrived at such a pitch of prosperity as now enables it to practice an independence. The advertisements in the first number amounted to no more than 7s. 6d. Fifteen years later the advertisement money was estimated at £600 a day, and the circulation had gone above 190,000 copies. To-day it is hardly possible to say what amount the advertisement columns daily bring in, but it has been stated that in one day the gross income from that source has exceeded £1600, whilst the sale of the paper rarely falls below 220,000, and frequently tops a quarter of a million. In a slack season more than 2000 advertisements are daily received, but during the parliamentary session once, and sometimes twice a week, the journal is enlarged to twelve pages and the total number of advertisements published raised to nearly 5000. In order to deal with this mass of matter and stupendous circulation, extensive composing rooms and machine rooms are required. The machine room contains ten Hoe presses, which generally run two hours each, turning out 12,000 copies each an hour

Special Notice.

A great many new names have been added to our list in the past two months, and to still further increase our list we make the following offer: We will send a copy of the PALMER JOURNAL for one year, free, to any person (or to any address they may desire) who shall send us the names of three new subscribers, with \$5.25, before March 1st. With very little effort you can add us, and secure your local paper free for one year, or have it sent to some friend. Will you not send us the names?

During the month of January the national debt was reduced about \$8,000,000—and yet Congress cannot find time to reduce the taxes any.

A DISGRUNTLED New York legislator proposes to make it a misdemeanor to send "bouquets or other sympathetic tokens" to convicted felons or persons held on a charge of murder. His idea will strike a responsive chord in many hearts.

CONGRESSMAN MORRISON is likely to succeed Senator Logan in the United States Senate, the Democrats in the Illinois Legislature having made him their nominee. It is reported that at least one disgruntled Republican legislator will vote for Morrison.

AN earnest plea for more liberal support is made by that deserving institution, the soldiers' home at Chelsea. It maintains an average of 100 veterans a year, but its quarters and income are both too small. A carnival is to be held in April, in the Institute building at Boston, and subscriptions, gifts or bequests are urgently solicited.

CONGRESS is doing absolutely nothing, and it is no wonder that President-elect Cleveland is unalterably opposed to an extra session. A strong effort was made Monday, to bring up the national bankruptcy bill before the House, but the leading Democrats united against it, regardless of the public interests, and it failed.

ABOUT twenty-five names are reported to be on Mr. Cleveland's slate for possible cabinet officers, but nobody knows who will be taken and who will be left. Quite a number of the party leaders have been in consultation with the president-elect of late, but he assumes the attitude of a good listener, without revealing his intentions at all.

Several cadets at the military academy in Worcester refused the other day to return to their studies unless granted three afternoons a week, with permission to attend the theater, skating rink and billiard hall. One of them was suspended, two were led back by the ear by their stern parents, and all of them ought to have a good smart spanking.

HOLYOKE's much-needed new railroad station was "dedicated" on Monday. It is a fine stone structure, tasteful in design and convenient in arrangement, though its location, several rods above the old station, on the opposite side of the track, has caused a good deal of local dissatisfaction. It is noticeable, however, that it is easy of access from any direction, and is not carefully fenced off from the main part of the city, necessitating a long detour to reach it, as in the case of the new Boston and Albany station at Palmer.

RATHER a comical illustration of the power of the press has occurred in Vienna the past week. A reporter felt insulted by a member of the Austrian Reichsrath during a debate, and the papers thereupon joined hands in the determination to report none of the proceedings of that body until it made a formal apology. The members threatened and stormed, but couldn't endure the oppressive silence of the papers in regard to their doings. A committee accordingly reported that the offending member should be censured, and everything is tranquil once more.

GOV. ROBINSON sent a special message to the Legislature, Tuesday, embodying the results of a careful investigation of the Hoosac Tunnel problem by the governor and council. He emphasizes the importance of inaugurating at once a wise, far-reaching policy, and reviews the different plans that have been adopted or suggested, the toll-gate system, exclusive state operation, the sale of the road and tunnel, and consolidation, the last plan alone being commended, as insuring a direct through line to the West. Existing contracts with other lines do not expire until October, 1887, and in the meantime there will be opportunity to mature plans for the dual disposition of this problem in some way.

WEDNESDAY was the last day for the introduction of new business in the Legislature, and a larger number of orders was introduced than ever before, with about the usual quantity of petitions. There was a lively debate in the House, Monday, on the bill to prohibit the sale of liquor on election days, but it was finally passed to a third reading by a large vote, though with a doubtful provision allowing hotels to sell to "duly registered guests," who will be likely to be very numerous on these days. The Judiciary committee of the House is considering the question of the constitutionality of the state civil service law, and the supreme court may be asked to decide the matter. The labor committee has begun a series of hearings on the question of weekly payments of wages. A law of this kind will undoubtedly be enacted before long, if not at this session. Its advisability may be questioned in some cases, but corporations which have tried the system are pleased with it and would not return to monthly payments. The Otis Company has tried it for some little time past at its Palmer mill, and has found it so satisfactory that the same system was also adopted at Ware with the opening of the year. Let corporations generally become convinced that it is for their advantage to pay off weekly, and the system will very soon come into general use, law or no law.

The sales of wool at Boston for the first five weeks of this year were 40 per cent. greater than for the same time last year. And still they talk about the extreme dull times!

P. T. Barnum has given the city of Bridgeport, Ct., thirty acres of valuable land for a public park.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

The maiden state—Miss Souri. The matrimonial state—Mrs. Sippi. Can a man who smiles be a good prohibitionist? Revised edition—An honest editor is the noblest work of God. A good printer is a man of the highest type. He sticks to his own case, and makes it a rule never to be out of sorts. Now-a-days when a man wishes to see the mistress of the house he calls at the back door and interviews the servant girl. Our new ritual: From the devil, the cholera, and the Salvation Army, good Lord, deliver us ever more.—Woonsocket Reporter.

This slush on the sidewalk is shocking, but it is more shocking to us. Is the glumness we have got of that slushing, As her dainty foot splashed the slush.

Some people never are suited. The majority of men when they are long with they were short, and when they are short with they were long.

The young man who calls to take his best girl out sleighing with a team which costs a dollar an hour and finds that she has gone with another fellow, feels that it is a cold day indeed.

The Palmer Journal is just as spicy as needs be of late.—Westfield Times and News Letter.

Many thanks for your kind words, brother. We try to give our subscribers a readable sheet.

Florida strawberries are in the market. They come forty in a box, and are so good that the man of ordinary means cannot even see the bottom of the box, which is saying a good deal, considering the usual construction of the boxes.

Some one has figured out that it takes a cord of wood to produce 28,000 cubic feet of smoke. The mathematician either made a great mistake in his figures, or else never had any experience in building fires on a windy morning.

I want to be a postmaster, And with the p. m.'s stand; A postage stamp upon my tongue, An ink pad in my hand, I'd like to sling the letters round, And shovel out the mail, And if I didn't mind the biz, Then shut me up in jail.—Milford Gazette.

The advice to the effect that if a man snite you on one cheek you should turn the other to him also may be very good, but those who have tried it say there isn't half so much fun in wearing two black eyes as in making the other fellow carry one of them.

If you happen to have some coins which you cannot dispose of because they have a hole punched in them, just punch another hole and utilize them for buttons; you will give the world an idea that you are well off, and can afford such extravagance, and can thus get credit for any amount.

The Marlboro Times offers cabinet positions, foreign ministries, etc., under the new administration "by special arrangement with Grover Cleveland," to all advance subscribers. Judging from the number of reported office seekers in the country, the circulation of the Times ought to rival that of any paper in the world in a few weeks.

The Waltham Record of last week published the following:

She skated at the roller rink, She sat down on the floor— She didn't speak a single word; She doesn't skate no more.—PALMER JOURNAL.

Brother Barry, we are glad to note, always gives credit for what he extracts from our columns, but this time he's a little mistaken, as we never saw these lines until they appeared in his paper credited to us.

"The first thing was made in 1684." Is that so?—St. Paul Herald. Eye presume so.—Saratoga Eagle. The thread of evidence seems conclusive.—Palmetto Democrat. Brethren, those seem to be damned good puns you've started. Perhaps a Singer will pick them up.—Webster Eagle. How nice! All he'll need be a Domestic nature to sing Home, sweet (New) Home.—Framingham Tribune.

Weed like to see him try it. Ten to one he'd not only tucker himself out, but would ruffle the temper of all who listened to him.

We are glad to note that Brother Sylvester of the Middleboro News has accepted the volumes of advice so generously bestowed upon him during the Press excursion last summer, and will no longer journey alone through life. It was fitting that he should take his bride, fresh from the altar, to last week's Press meeting, and the only mistake was that the members didn't all step up and formally salute her accordingly to the good old fashion made and provided for such occasions.

"George, what was that I heard you telling Adams about just now?" "I don't know, my dear; what do you refer to?" "Why, you said they both raved, but you had a straight flush and scooped the pot." "Oh, that; why, that was account of my hunt yesterday. Two birds rose straight in front of me—sometimes we call it flushed—and I scooped the pot—got them both, don't you see?" "But what were those round things I found in your pocket this morning?" "Those were gun wads, my dear."

Clara—"How did you enjoy your sleigh-ride with young Mr. Symple yesterday?" I saw you were out." Maud—"Oh, I didn't have a bit good time. He needn't ask me to go again." "Why, what is the matter?" I always thought you considered him real nice?" "So I did until yesterday. He didn't know any better than to get a horse that he had to keep a tight rein on all the time, and when I left the route to him, he picked out one where there were no bridges at all." "I don't blame you in the least. I wouldn't go with him again."

JANUARY 1ST. My wife says that I must swear off, And so I think I will; Although some things I must give up Will prove a bitter pill.

No more going out at night, For a social time at the club; No more rackets with the boys, Or midnight trips to the Hub. I must give up my "extra dry," And also my cigar; She says she will not have the rooms With the odor of a bar.

It will, perhaps, be rather hard, All this at once to do; But now I've started on the thing I'm bound to stick it through.

FEBRUARY 1ST. Now swearing off is not my forte; The attempt was an awful blunder; These good resolves are a month bad gone, Were wasted all to thunder!

LOCAL NOTICES.

Beautiful valentines, "Prang's" and others, at O. P. Allen's. The woman who is known to have taken that package of handkerchiefs from our store last Saturday evening will please return them and save further trouble. S. H. Helyar & Co.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

Be thinking up the articles for the town warrant.

St. Valentine's Day one week from to-morrow.

Miss Jennie Eager is visiting friends at New Haven.

Have you kept that diary faithfully for the past month?

The sleigh-ride planned for last Monday did not take place.

Rev. Mr. Hunter lectures to young people next Sunday evening.

The old folks concert is announced for the evening of the 20th.

The sleigh-ride party from Ware attended the rink last evening.

It really looks as though we were going to have quite a winter after all.

S. S. Taft and F. F. Bullard have returned from their Southern trip.

The boys and girls have been having some glorious times coasting this week.

Rev. O. R. Hunt exchanges next Sunday with Rev. W. N. Walden from Conn.

Elder M. A. Potter of Worcester will preach at the Advent chapel Sunday.

Miss Emma Haynes of Barre spent last Sabbath with her parents in this place.

Why don't some one get up a good old-fashioned straw ride while the sleighing is good?

A session of the probate court will be held in the district court room next Wednesday.

Young people's social at the house of James B. Shaw, on South Main street, this evening.

Remember the poor and needy; you can do them many a good turn and never feel the worse for it.

We are indebted to Sumner Blodgett for some fine lettuce grown in his green-house. Thanks; call again.

Enough names have been secured, and a chapter of the Royal Arcanum will be organized in this place.

Only three weeks left in which to secure the Cottage Heart for one year by subscribing for the JOURNAL.

Remember that if you will send us the names of three new subscribers we will send you the JOURNAL free for one year.

L. L. Merrick Post, G. A. R., rejoices over the election of Rev. E. A. Perry of this place as chaplain by the state convention at Boston last week.

"Nice sweet oranges, twenty for a quarter," have been peddled on our streets this week. The price was enough to scare people out of purchasing many.

Every member of the library association should be at the meeting next Monday evening, as important business is to come before the society.

O. B. Smith of Bondsville has been elected a director of the Palmer National Bank in place of A. H. Willis of Boston, who declined further service.

Past Grand O. R. Hunt attended the Grand Lodge in Boston yesterday as the representative of Palmer Lodge, No. 190, I. O. O. F., of this place.

Miss Alice Holden entertains a party of about 50 of her young friends at her home on Main street this afternoon, the occasion being her thirteenth birthday.

Commencing a week ago last Wednesday, Landford Weeks has entertained a sleigh-ride party every week day except last Wednesday, eight in all, and all from Ware.

From the weather of the past two weeks one would be led to think that there was some truth in the saying that as the days grow longer the cold grows stronger.

A fair sized audience, considering the weather, turned out to hear Rev. Mr. Cobb at the Congregational church last Sunday evening, who delivered an excellent sermon.

The Sunday School of St. Paul's church has started an educational fund, so as to be able to loan sums of money to worthy young men or women who wish to procure an education.

By a glance at the calendar you will see that this month commences on Sunday and ends on Saturday, making just four even weeks in the month, a circumstance which will not occur again for some years.

The nimble small boy has gloried in "catching on" the sleighs this week, while the one who was not spry enough to secure the coveted place has policed up his disappointment by shouting "whip behind."

A sleigh-ride party, to which all are invited, is talked of for to-morrow afternoon, and all who would like to go are requested to meet, with their teams, at Wales Hall block at 4.30. A trip to Ware is proposed.

Last Sunday was a bad day for the lively men. Saturday night every team in the stables had been engaged for the following day, but Sunday came with a snow storm which continued all day, and but few teams were let in consequence.

McGregory and Casman of Springfield have just placed a very handsome monument on the family burial lot of S. R. Lawrence, in the cemetery here. It is made of Quincy granite, is eleven feet and three inches in height, weighs about ten tons and cost \$2,000.

Rev. Mr. Perry will preach next Sunday evening upon the hard saying "Then came Peter to him and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times; but, Until seventy times seven." Matthew 18: 22.

Some things happen that do not come off. A projected surprise, which did not occur, was announced the next morning in the Republican as having taken place. It was a surprise, nevertheless, when the person interested read the announcement that a surprise party had been at his house the

evening before, when he knew nothing about it, although at home at the stated time.

Next Monday evening Herbert W. Leach, one of the survivors of the Jeannette expedition to the polar regions, will give a lecture at Wales Hall on the scenes, incidents and experiences of that land, illustrating his remarks with about 100 stereoscopic views of that far-off region. Mr. Leach comes highly spoken of by the Maine papers, and will no doubt have something interesting to say.

Saturday and Tuesday were great days for the local horsemen, and the course from the Point of Rocks to Central street was the scene of many a friendly brush between owners of fast horse flesh, while large numbers of lookers-on were on the street. George Burdick of Monson seemed to be a "little too many" for the local steppers, which were owned by R. L. Goldard, Geo. W. Fly, G. W. Randall, C. K. Gamwell, and others.

John W. Benway, a former resident of this place, who married Lucy Eldridge, also of this town, in 1867, has come to grief at Dedham, being charged with bigamy. It seems that in 1870 he married a second time, and it was only two weeks ago that No. 2 found out that there had been a No. 1 and that she was living. When she did so, however, she at once had him arrested, and he has been bound over to the superior term of court.

An employee at the depot thought it would be a fine thing to ride a bicycle which one of our wheelmen had left with him a short time for safe keeping, and so mounted the machine Monday forenoon. Around the platform he went all right until, in trying to turn a corner and get out of the way of a pedestrian at the same time, he came to grief over a trunk. Result, three spokes broken and a crank bent. No Grave damage done, but he concluded he would wait until the breaks were repaired before attempting the thing again.

A postal card on which the following was written, was dropped in the post office here on Wednesday, but as there was no address on the face, it was put in the window awaiting a claimant:

DEAR NAX.—I have been looking for a line from you for two weeks, but have not got it yet. Write me, just to let me know that you are alive and kicking.

Lovingly, J.

We hope that J. will see it and add the necessary address, otherwise he might think his dear Nax had given him the cold shoulder.

"Mrs. Owens' Cook Book" is the latest helper for the housekeeper, and will be found a desirable acquisition. It has a department for every known want of the family, and in each will be found concise and perfect formulas in varied variety, each one of which has been thoroughly tested. There are also a large number of illustrations. In addition to the more practical matters, much attention is given to garnishing, carving, lunches, quantities required for parties and such things, not ordinarily noted. The lengthy chapter on invalid cookery is invaluable, also the list of simple remedies for common ills. A farmers' department has been added which will be found very useful. The agent will call upon our citizens during the coming week, and all will do well to avail themselves of the opportunity to secure "Mrs. Owens' Cook Book."

At Wednesday's session of the probate court in Springfield the following business for this session was transacted: Administration granted on the estates of Horace W. Tarbox, late of Ludlow; Charles F. Grosvenor, administrator; Walter A. Bennett, late of Brimfield; Henry F. Brown, administrator; Caroline D. McMaster, late of Monson; Alvin A. Gage, administrator; Harding Hunt, late of Palmer; James O. Hamilton, administrator; Jane Shaw, late of Brimfield; Eleanor S. Rogers, administrator. The will of Margaret J. Tarbox, late of Ludlow; Charles F. Grosvenor, executor, was approved, and Daniel W. Bottom was appointed guardian over Abiah Bottom of Hampden. Accounts were rendered on the estates of John Orcutt, late of Hampden, and Marcus Alden, late of Monson. Inventories filed on the estates of Charles O. Stone, late of Brimfield; Charles H. Robbins, late of Monson; Caroline D. McMaster, late of Monson. Guardians accounts filed—Emma G. Stebbins of Ludlow, Celestina Phelps of Hampden.

WINK NOTES.

The next entertainment is coming the 18th.

To-night there is skating from 7 until 8.30, then dancing until 12.

On account of his large patronage, Manager Leach has been obliged to add fifty more pairs of skates.

Manager Leach announces that the Saturday morning session is designed especially for children, so that they can avoid the crowd of the afternoon sessions.

There was a large crowd at the rink Wednesday evening to see the exhibition of Prof. J. J. Gibbons, many coming from the other villages. The exhibition was a fine one, Gibbons fairly deserving the title of "the human adjustable." All of his tricks were done with ease, and the unusual positions into which he twisted his body were wonderful.

Our Young Man About Town Says:

I have been considerably interested this week in watching the different styles of runners which have made their appearance on the streets of the village, and there has been no end to the variety. Some looked as if the dust of the ark had not been brushed off them until this snow came, while others were evidently out on their first trip. Every kind, size, style, shape and color imaginable has been out. The old-fashioned pug with its high back, a most comfortable thing to ride in; the old sled made with runners hewed out of some log, and in which the riders sit almost on the ground and get all the snow which the horse kicks up, in their faces; the fine new Portland, shining with a new coat of paint and varnish; all these and many more I have noticed. But a sleigh-ride is a sleigh-ride, and doubtless the man in the home-made article which cost him \$2 besides the labor he put on it enjoyed himself as much behind the old farm horse as did the man in a \$150 sleigh behind his horse which could trot down in the '30s.

Two young ladies met me the other day, and in the course of conversation they said: "Why don't you put something in the paper about us?" Of course they didn't think for a moment that I would do such a thing, or they wouldn't have slept a wink sleep. They are nice young ladies and move in the best society, yet during our talk one of them remarked that she had got a "dead crush" on a young fellow, and I could not help wondering if she used such slang wherever she was.

In the course of my ramblings after the last snow storm I had occasion to go upon some of the cross streets of the place, and found that while the snow plow had been through Park and Pleasant streets, it had not been through some of the more important cross streets, and that the residents there had evidently waited for the plow, consequently there was no path at all through the snow. I hope the plow won't skip these streets next time.

Speaking of fast steppers in town, it is not always the best looking horse that can travel the fastest. The other day a good looking horse that was quite speedily appeared on the street and was much admired, but an old man with a horse that made no pretensions to style could distance him when it came to speed.

There is always a brisk demand in this place for first-class tenements, and one does not remain vacant many days at a time. As the supply is always unequal to the demand, I have often wondered why some of our property owners did not put up a few really nice tenements. I think it would be a good investment, as I know of several men who are only waiting for a desirable tenement to move to this village.

LUDLOW.

There were 23 marriages and 25 deaths in town last year.

HAMPDEN.

Every ice house is now filled with nice firm ice nine or ten inches thick.

Through Sheriff Thresher's instrumentality Martin Andrews (colored) was arrested for vagrancy and refusing to support his family, and Judge Wells sentenced him to the jail quarters for ninety days. This is taking steps in the right direction in regard to a certain class of paupers, and will be an example for future action with others of the same class.

WALES.

Baxter C. Bennett of Holland has obtained a pension, and now draws \$8 a month.

There is to be a ball at Royce's Hall this evening. Dancing from 8 till 2, with music by Bacon & Kenfield's orchestra. A turkey supper will also be served.

The ladies of the Baptist church held their annual fair last Wednesday and Thursday evening. Notwithstanding the hard times they made the usual amount of money. Dr. D. W. Stanton of Monson, a dentist of experience, announces that he will be at the hotel in this place every Saturday to attend to all who may need his services.

BONDVILLE.

Next Friday evening there will be a grand concert and lecture in the basement of the Catholic church. In the concert, the local talent will be assisted by some of the finest singers in Hampshire county. The lecture, which will be the principal feature of the entertainment, will be delivered by Mr. O'Hanlon, the well known orator, lawyer, and editor of the Springfield Herald. He will take for his subject "The struggles of the Irish people during the present century for the regaining of that freedom which they lost by the union of Great Britain and Ireland in the memorable year 1801." The subject and the notable ability of Mr. O'Hanlon to treat it in an interesting manner should secure for him a large audience, and arouse the slumbering patriotism of the Irish people of the Palmer villages, who have not had a lecture, lesson, or instruction on anything pertaining to Ireland during the last six years.

BELCHERTOWN.

Another sleigh-ride party from Amherst took supper at the Belcher House last Friday evening.

Capt. W. B. Kimball of Enfield is expected to speak of the battle of Gettysburg at the G. A. R. room this evening.

No. 9 of the brief missionary biographies published by the American Tract Society is written by Rev. P. W. Lyman of this place, and gives an account of the life of Elijah Coleman Bridgman, a native of this town who went as a missionary to China.

Mrs. Caroline Holland Root, wife of Dea. Harrison Root, died at her home in this place on Wednesday, after a brief illness, at the advanced age of 73 years. Although an invalid for several years, she was always of a cheerful disposition and gentle character, an earnest and consistent Christian, and was loved and respected by all who knew her. She was the mother of Prof. Root of Amherst College, Mrs. P. W. Lyman of this place, Mrs. H. K. Simons of Greenfield and E. L. Root of Providence. The funeral took place at three o'clock this afternoon.

NORTH WILBRAHAM.

Theron Babcock has severed his connection with E. B. Gates & Co.

Preaching at the Chapel Sunday at 5.30 p. m. by Rev. Geo. W. Mansfield.

The ice houses have all been filled with good clear ice, 9 inches in thickness.

George L. Gates and Charles H. Thayer have been appointed assistants in the post office.

Mrs. E. B. Gates has been called home by the serious illness of her father, Mr. Harvey Kent.

It is now among the possibilities that the ladies of Grace Chapel will favor us next week with one of their superior turkey suppers and entertainments.

Tuesday evening a large number of friends met at the chapel and thence proceeded to the house of Station Agent F. L. Stebbins to give him a surprise visit to celebrate the tenth anniversary of his marriage. As the "victims" had an inkling of what was going on, his friends took "time by the forelock," anticipating the occasion by a few days. Rev. M. S. Howard, who participated in the ceremony ten years ago, presented in a few happy remarks, a silver set of seven pieces, and other pretty articles, after which the ladies served refreshments followed by music and a social time. The gathering broke up at a late hour, with many congratulations and kind wishes for the genial couple.

WILBRAHAM.

The Willing Workers met with Miss Jessie Lily yesterday afternoon.

Miss Annie Noble started on Tuesday for Louisa, N. C., where she is to become preceptress in a woman's college.

Miss Furuhm, teacher in district No. 3, with her pupils have a sleigh-ride to the Shaker village in Enfield, Conn., to-day.

The entertainment at the Congregational church last Friday evening was a very enjoyable one, and netted the society about \$80.

About a dozen couples connected with the co-operative milk association of Springfield took supper at the Allis House Tuesday evening.

Triumph division Sons of Temperance entertained the Ludlow division in the chapel of the Congregational church Monday evening. At the meeting of the farmers' club on Monday evening it was decided that those living at a distance from the markets could compete with the nearer ones in the raising of grass, grain, dairy products, beef and poultry, and that the difference between the interest money on capital invested near the city and that farther out, would nearly or quite make up the cost of transportation, including also the difference in taxes. Next Monday evening the club will meet with Mr. F. Beebe, and discuss the question: "How can the farmers interest their sons and daughters to remain on the farm?"

THREE RIVERS.

The last entertainment of the lecture course was given at the Union church last Friday evening, consisting of readings by Miss Marion Sterns and songs by Miss Fense and F. G. Fisher of Springfield, Mrs. T. E. Bottomley of Three Rivers, accompanist—an entertainment which was exceedingly enjoyed, as testified the fact that every performer was again and again encored. It is a matter of gratulation to the committee and the people of Three Rivers, that so rich a course could be obtained and enjoyed. It is only fair to say of the course that entertainment and instruction have been deftly mingled. Mr. Parsons' very pleasant rehearsal of the work and success of Stephenson and Field carried the assurance that large possibilities certainly lie in every one's life. Col. Cowell, by aptness and wealth of illustration, drove home the fact that "acres of diamonds" lie within the reach of every true worker in each day's nearest duty well and nobly done. And surely after Gen. Swift's characterization of the dullest—the drift wood—no one would be willing to go on aimlessly and uselessly. Mr. Burbank's readings charmed, amused and inspired. His style of work is too well known to need our praise. And last but not least, the very attractive mingling of reading and song by our friends from Springfield. The writer is moved to say that while the talent of each entertainment has been marked and sui generis, gracing the Boston lecture bureau, we have an honest home pride in the fact that our neighbor-city, Springfield, furnished the concluding and most enjoyable entertainment of the course.

THORNDIKE.

Representative O'Connor and sister of Worcester have been visiting with friends in town the past week.

W. J. McElwain's condition has changed for the better, and his friends have strong hopes that he will recover.

Mrs. Rosa Carter met with a severe accident last week by falling on the icy sidewalk. The sprain will confine her to the house for several weeks.

The first sleigh-ride of the season took place to-day under the auspices of the Sons of Temperance, who went to Ware and took supper at the Hampshire House.</

hours of the day that lovers of the sport could have a chance to enjoy it.

The concert and ball under the auspices of the wool sorters and loom fixers at Gilbertville last evening, was the greatest success ever achieved in this part of the county. One thousand tickets were sold to the concert by Reeves' Orchestra of Providence, and 275 tickets to the ball which followed.

J. W. Lawton Post, G. A. R., will hold their annual ball next Friday evening, the 13th inst. with music by the North Brookfield orchestra. As this ball is to raise funds for the assistance of the widows and orphans of deceased soldiers, there will no doubt be a large turnout, as well as many tickets sold to those who do not care to dance.

Our good people will be pleased to learn that arrangements are being made for a reading by Prof. J. W. Churchill, at Music Hall the first or second week in March. To those who have ever heard him the simple announcement will be sufficient, but for any who do not know of him, we believe we may truthfully say he is the finest elocutionist and reader in this country.

The Young Men's Library Association have just received a valuable present of a set of the early records of the Massachusetts Colony in America, through the kindness of Henry Bassett. The note accompanying the gift explains itself:

"In 1834 the Legislature of Massachusetts voted to allow to each member of that body a copy of the early records of Massachusetts. William E. Bassett, then member of the house, a representative from the town of Ware, received a copy. With due regard to the relation of said representative to the town, these volumes are respectfully presented to the Young Men's Library Association of Ware by his grandson, MARSHALL LEON WORTON."

The Masonic directory for Ware for 1885 has been issued the past week. The officers of Eden Lodge F. & A. M. are: Walter P. Sutcliffe, W. M.; George S. Marsh, S. W.; William H. Morgan, J. W.; Jasper L. Fairbank, S. D.; Henry Connell, J. D.; Daniel W. Ainsworth, Treas.; Almer F. Richardson, S. J.; Jerome Gates, Sec.; William Kennedy, Chap.; Charles Snow, S. S.; Wm. H. Phelps, J. S.; Albert M. Ramsdell, L. S.; Milton Perry, T. The officers of Washington Council, R. & S. M., are: Andrew Bryson, T. I. M.; Thomas Remison, D. M.; William H. Morgan, P. C. of W.; Daniel W. Ainsworth, Treas.; John T. Winslow, recorder; John W. Robinson, M. of C.; Elgin R. Foster, C. of G.; Charles Heriague, C. of G.; John H. Chaffee, S. W. Kennedy, chaplain; Lyman Taylor, sentinel.

ROSSA SHOT.

O'Donovan Rossa, England's bitterest enemy in connection with her trouble with Ireland, a pronounced dynamite and well-known advocate of the dynamite policy, was shot on Chambers street, New York, last Monday evening. Five shots were fired, only one, however, finding its mark, and then not making a dangerous wound. The bullet entered the back about half an inch above the left shoulder blade, and ranged upward and inward toward the spinal column, though not reaching it.

The woman who did the shooting gave the name of Yeatley Dudley, and claims to be a native of England, a widow, and 24 years of age, though she does not look over 18. She was very calm and cool after the affair, and expressed regret that she had not killed Rossa. She had planned the thing carefully, having had an interview with Rossa once before, in which she claimed to be very much in sympathy with the cause of Ireland, and offering large sums of money for Rossa's use. After the second interview they were walking down the street, together, when she stepped a little behind him, drew her revolver and fired, the first shot taking effect.

The wounded man was taken to a hospital, where his wound was examined and pronounced not dangerous, though he is still at the hospital, and as a curious coincidence, in the same ward with Pielau, who was stabbed in Rossa's office eight weeks before.

An interesting lawsuit is likely to grow out of the recent bank defalcations at Norwich, Ct. Assistant Cashier Webb of the Merchants' bank was also city treasurer, and it was charged that he regularly understated the city deposit, as one means of covering up his embezzlement. The bank has now refused to pay city drafts on his account, which is already overdrawn according to its books, although the city claims to have some \$75,000 in the bank. The bank officials claim that Webb stole the difference from the city, and the bank is not responsible, while the city claims that the money was deposited in the bank, and the city is in no way responsible for the doctored of the bank's books by its thieving officers. The latter claim seems the stronger of the two, but the courts will probably have to decide the matter.

The Taunton Gazette compares the negroes of the South with those of the South, calling the former cowards, and says: "If the colored people of the South had a quarter part of the pluck of their kind in Africa, there would be little trouble about their rights or wrongs." Yes; but how much pluck would the negroes of the South have to-day if they had but just emerged from generations of grinding, abject slavery.

GRAND ARMY men in the western part of the state are much pleased with the election of J. W. Hersey of Springfield as commander of the Massachusetts department, Mayor Phillips of the same city as delegate to the national encampment, and Rev. E. A. Perry of Palmer, as chaplain. The resolution favoring the Lovering pension bill, granting a pension to all soldiers and sailors who served 60 days, was wisely defeated.

The British met with a severe defeat in Egypt on January 26th, when the forces under the Mahdi defeated Gen. Gordon and captured Khartoum. Col. Stewart and his party have been massacred, but the fate of Gen. Gordon is unknown, and several rumors are afloat as to his condition. The army of the Mahdi numbered 60,000, while Gordon had 9500, of whom 7000 deserted to the enemy, leaving him only 2500 men. All reports agree that the place was captured by treachery, the gates being opened and the enemy admitted.

John L. Sullivan, Boston's pet slugger, was knocked out in one round last Friday morning by being flogged \$100 and costs for abusing a horse. Judge McCafferty is to be congratulated on having nerve enough to give him the extreme penalty of the law.

The reduction of the public debt in January was about \$8,000,000.

Expressions of gratitude on the part of the public are always impressive and solemn. It is pleasant to know that the people are justly praising the merits of Dr. Hall's Cough Syrup, a safe remedy for coughs, colds, bronchitis, croup and sore throat.

Death-like sensations frequently accompany Heart Disease, a reliable specific for it in all forms is Dr. Graves' Heart Regulator, thirty years proves it. Free pamphlet of F. E. Ingalls, Cambridge, Mass. \$1.00 per bottle.

Furber & Wallace of Springfield offer 150 pieces fine entries in beautiful designs, light and dark effects, at 12, etc., worth 25 cts. Hamburg edgings at half-price. Heavy gro. grain black silks at \$1.50, made by Cheney Bros. to retail at \$2.50. Fancy silks 35 cts. to 75 cts., an immense assortment.

HALL'S HONEY, the great cough cure, 25c, 50c, & \$1. CURE'S SNUFF, 25c, 50c, & \$1. GEMMA'S CURE REMOVER kills Corns and Bunions, 50c. HILL'S Hair and Whisker Dye—Black & Brown, 50c. PIKE'S TOOTHACHE DROPS cure in 1 minute, 25c. DEAN'S RHEUMATIC PILLS are a sure cure, 50 cts. 145

Fact—fact, as the newspapers say, "body will believe it." Fontaine's cure for Consumption is guaranteed to cure diseases of the lungs. Sold by O. P. Allen. covly12

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"ROUGH ON RATS." Clears out rats, mice, roaches, flies, ants, bed-bugs, skunks, chipmunks, gophers; 15c; druggists.

"HEART PAINS." Palpitation, Dropsical swellings, dizziness, indigestion, headache, sleeplessness, cured by Wells' Health Renewer.

"ROUGH ON CORNS." Ask for Wells' "Rough on Corns;" 15c; quick, complete cure; hard or soft corns, warts, bunions.

"ROUGH ON PAIN" POROUS PLASTER; Strengthening, improved, the best for backache, pains in the chest or side, rheumatism, neuralgia.

"WELLS' Health Renewer" restores health and vigor, cures Dyspepsia, Headache, Nervousness, Debility; \$1.

"WHOOING COUGH." And the many throat affections of children prompt, speedy cure, by "Rough on Coughs." Troches, 15c; Balsam, 25c.

"MOTHERS." If you are failing, broken, worn out and nervous, use Wells' Health Renewer; \$1. Druggists.

"LIFE PRESERVER." If you are losing your grip on life, try "Wells' Health Renewer." Goes right to weak spots.

"ROUGH ON TOOTHACHE." Instant relief for neuralgia, toothache, facicache Ask for "Rough on Toothache;" 15 and 25 cents.

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When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a child, she cried for Castoria. When she was a Miss, she clung to Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Castoria. 1911

Advice to Mothers. Are you disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with pain of cutting teeth? If so, send at once and get a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's SOOTHING SYRUP FOR CHILDREN'S TEething. It is so judiciously and so effectively relieves the poor little sufferer immediately. Depend upon it, mothers, there is no mistake about it. It cures dysentery, diarrhoea, regulates the stomach and bowels, cures wind colic, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, and gives tone and energy to the whole system. Mrs. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP FOR CHILDREN'S TEething is pleasant to the taste, and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female nurses and physicians in the United States, and is for sale by all druggists throughout the world. Price 25 cts. a bottle. 1910

Buckley's Arnica Salve. The greatest medical wonder of the world. Warmed to speedily cure Burns, Scalds, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Cancers, Piles, Chilblains, Corns, Fetter, Chapped Hands, and all skin eruptions, guaranteed to cure in every instance or money refunded. 25 cents per box. For sale by G. L. Hitchcock. 1910

An Entertaining, Reliable House. G. L. Hitchcock can always be relied upon, not only to carry in stock the best of everything, but to secure the agency for such articles as have well-known merit, and is popular with the people, thereby sustaining the reputation of being always enterprising, and ever reliable. Having secured the agency for the celebrated Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, will sell it on a positive guarantee. It will surely cure any and every affection of the Throat, Lungs, and Chest, and show you its influence, we invite you to call and get a trial bottle free. 1910

BORN. At Monson, 3d, a daughter to JASON S. and MYRA V. KEMP. At Monson, 6th, a daughter to WILLIAM H. and ELLA KING. At Wales, 24th ult., a son to ANDREW J. ROYCE. At Wales, 1st, a daughter to JOHN GREEN and BRUNDAUGHTON to BLANKET WILLS. At Todd, Conn., 3d, a son to ALBERT D. and EPIRE A. STEEDMAN. At Monmouth, 21st ult., a daughter to L. E. CRANE, formerly of Three Rivers, Mass. 1910

MARRIED. At Enfield, 1st, at the parsonage, by Rev. F. Hildridge P. McElroy, HARRY E. WARD of Gilbertville and HATTIE E. HANDELL. 1910

DIED. At Palmer, 23d ult., JAMES COY, 65. At Palmer, 3d, WILLIAM L. Year 11 months, infant son of James and Mary Todd. At Thorndike, 5th, Dr. GRANTVILLE BARSTOW. At Ware, 4th, ISAAC DAWSON, 75. At Belcherdown, 4th, CAROLINE HOLLAND, 75, wife of Dr. Harrison Root. At Monmouth, 2d, of pneumonia and heart disease, GONFREY SLATTERY, 78. At Longmeadow, 2d, of pneumonia and heart disease, LIZZIE A., wife of S. A. Johnson. At Boston, 20th, Mrs. JANE SHAW, 74, mother of Mrs. Dwight F. Shaw of East Brimfield and son, Marcus H. Rogers. 1910

FOR SALE.—My house and lot, situated on Maple street. Also one corner building lot 5 by 9 rods. II. H. PAINE. Palmer, Feb. 6th, 1885. 4w45

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THE third meeting of the creditors of Charles Hathaway, insolvent debtor, will be held at a Court of Insolvency at Springfield, on the sixth day of March next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at which meeting creditors may be present and prove their claims. The amounts of the Assignee will be presented at said meeting, and creditors may then and there appear and object to the allowance thereof. THOS. W. KENEFICK, Assignee. 2w45

February 5, 1885.

THE third meeting of the creditors of Cyrus E. Bills, insolvent debtor, will be held at a Court of Insolvency, at Springfield, on the 30th day of February current, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at which meeting creditors may be present and prove their claims. The amounts of the Assignee will be presented at said meeting, and creditors may then and there appear and object to the allowance thereof. STEPHEN S. TAFT, Assignee. 2w45

February 5th, 1885.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Horace McMahon to John H. Storrs, dated June 25th, 1870, and recorded with Hampden county deeds, book 326, page 28, and for breach of condition thereof will be sold at public auction, on the premises, on the 18th day of March, 1885, at one o'clock in the afternoon, all the premises described in said mortgage deed, to wit: A certain tract of land situated in Brimfield, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stake and stone at the southwest corner of land of Paradise Allen, thence east 85° on south of said Allen 88 rods to said Allen's southeast corner, thence south 47° west 82 rods to a stake and stone of the corner of land formerly owned by Lyman and Joshua Alpine, thence west 12° south on said Alpine 104 rods to the road, thence westerly on said road north to the first mentioned bound, containing 62 acres more or less, being the same estate decided me by Chester Scarborough, June 24th, 1850. JOHN H. STORRS, Mortgagee. 3w45

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By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Robert O. Fenelon to one, dated January 31, 1871, and recorded in the registry of deeds for the county of Hampden, libro 375, folio 46, will be sold at public auction, on the premises, on Thursday, the twelfth day of March, 1885, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, all and singular the premises owned by said mortgagee, and described in said mortgage deed as follows: A certain tract of land situated in Monson, in said county of Hampden, about eighty rods northerly of the Congregational church, and bounded and described in said mortgage deed as follows: A certain tract of land situated in the corner of the Congregational church, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stake and stone at the southwest corner of land of Jotham Shaw's house lot, thence easterly in said Shaw's lot about ten rods to a stake and stone, thence southerly on High street nine rods to the first mentioned corner, containing about 10 rods of land, be the same more or less, with the buildings thereon.

The house is substantial and in good repair. The premises are pleasantly located on a desirable street, and offers unusual inducements to any one wishing to purchase a residence in one of the pleasantest of New England villages. \$200 will be required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. WILLIAM W. MOORE, Mortgagee. By G. L. GARDNER, Attorney. Monson, Mass., Feb. 6th, 1885. 3w45

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After a Little While.
There is a strange, sweet solace in the thought
That all the weas we suffer here below
May, as a dark and hideous garment wrought
For us to wear, whether we will or no,
Be cast aside, with a relieving smile,
After a little while.

Seamless roaming but hath certain end:
Though far into the ocean spaces gray
We sail and sail, without a chart for friend,
Above the sky line, faint and far away,
There looms at last the one enchanted isle,
After a little while.

Oh, when our eyes come through thick and fast
With more of anguish than the heart can bear,
Though friends desert, and, as the heedless blast,
Even love pass by us with stony stare,
Let us withdraw into some ruined pile,
Or lonely forest aisle—
After a little while!

And contemplate the never ceasing change,
Whence the processes of God are wrought,
And from our petty lives our God estrange,
Till, bathed in currents of exalted thought,
We feel his rest that must our cares beguile,
After a little while!

After a little while!
The fish are always harpooned from the
end of the bowsprit of a sailing-vessel. All
vessels regularly engaged in this fishery are
supplied with an apparatus for the support
of the harpooner, which consists of a
wooden platform about two feet square,
upon which the harpooner stands, and an
upright bar of iron three feet high, rising
from the tip of the bowsprit just in front
of this platform. At the top of this bar is
a bow of iron in a nearly circular form, to
surround the waist of the harpooner. This
structure is called the "rest" or the "pul-
pit." A man is always stationed at the
mast-head, whence, with keen eye that
practise has given him, he can easily de-
scribe the tell-tale dorsal fins at a distance
of two or three miles. When a fish has been
sighted, the watch "sings out," and the
vessel is steered directly toward it. The
skipper takes his place in the pulpit, hold-
ing the harpoon with both hands by the
upper end, and directing the man at the
wheel by voice and gesture how to steer.
When the fish is from 6 to 10 feet in front
of the vessel, it is struck. The harpoon is
not thrown; the strong arm of the har-
pooner pushes the dart into the back of the
fish beside the dorsal fin, and the pole
is withdrawn. The line is from 50 to 100
fathoms long, and the end is either made
fast on board the smack, or attached to a
keg or some other form of buoy and thrown
aboard. After the fish has exhausted
himself by dragging the buoy through the
water, it is picked up, the fish is hauled
alongside, and killed with a lance. In the
mean time, several other fish may have
been struck and left to tire themselves out
in the same way.—*Popular Science Month-
ly.*

HE SENT IT TO THE WRONG GIRL.
A young man who is in business on Wall
street, has mortally offended one of his
three nearest feminine friends under pecu-
liar circumstances. He is to some extent a
dog fancier. On Christmas there was left
at his banking house a fine little black and
tan terrier. There was nothing to disclose
the giver, except a blanket, in the corner of
which a female hand had worked the young
man's initials. Which one of three young
ladies to whom he was paying court the
gift came from he was unable to decide.
For a week he was without a clew, but
about New Year's Day he thought he knew
all about it, and prepared a little surprise
for the supposed giver. In the same box
a dozen dead mice as evidence of the dog's
prowess and a suitable present besides, and
sent all in accordance with his "pointer."
Alas! he sent it to the wrong girl, and she
told all her young companions about her
funny New Year's gift. The right girl
heard about it, and now the young man, in-
stead of having three best girls, has none,
for in the trouble that followed the third
girl found out his duplicity and jilted him
along with the others. He doesn't care as
much for dogs as he did.—*New York Tri-
bune.*

PHILOSOPHY OF THE BRIDGE.
The wind blew strongly across the bridge
this morning, and pedestrians traveled with
one hand on their hats. The black derby
of a large burly, red-faced man suddenly
cleared the iron fence and fell upon the
railroad track. The face of the owner grew
redder as he leaned over the pickets and
saw a train approaching. But he never
moved a step, although some thoughtful
spectators looked on to see him follow the
course of his property in a mad resolution
to rescue it. A small boy on the roadway
opposite saw his plight, leaped from his
wagon, mounted the fence, picked up the
hat and handed it to the owner.
The red-faced man said, simply, "Thank
you," and resumed his way. "Never for a
lost hat yourself," he observed to a com-
panion. "During a long experience I have
uniformly observed a principle in human
nature which invariably leads somebody
else to run and pick it up."
"My dear fellow," replied his companion,
"the principle is of universal application.
The great man is not the one who does
things himself, but who can make others do
them for him.—*N. Y. Com. Advertiser.*

"What man has done," shouted the orator,
"man can do." That isn't enough, my
son. Man must do what man hasn't done;
what he was afraid to do; what he couldn't
do. If man would only do what man has
done, Christopher Columbus would never
have sailed a hundred miles from land, and
we would be Indians still.—*Brooklyn Eagle.*

Mrs. Bluffs—"I notice by the papers that
the hot water craze has been revived."
Mrs. Rinks—"What is that?" "Why, don't
you know? Everybody is drinking hot
water in large quantities." "But what
for?" "For their health. Hot water is
said to be wonderfully wholesome." "Isn't
that splendid! We can call our oyster fe-
stivals this winter 'health exhibitions.'"

How little we know of the inner life of
our closest friend. While we may imagine
that his thoughts are of friendly serenity,
he is thinking many things: "Strange he
does not mention the five dollars he borrowed
from me." Ah, human nature, thou art a
deceptive rascal! Thou smilest the smile
of the sweet herb, and thinkest the thought
of quinine.—*Arkansas Traveler.*

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tained through the blood. Vegetine is the great
blood purifier.

THE GLORY OF OLD AGE.
Age always empties; but it may empty
the mind of the wrong things. It may
empty the mind of everything but selfish
and egotistic passion. It may make the
medium through which everything is seen,
one of a more and more disturbing kind.
It may drain away all the generous passions,
and leave nothing but envy, vindictiveness,
and willfulness behind. It may discharge
the memory of all that is elevating and leave
behind all that is degrading. It may take
away the excuse of fiery impulses, and yet
leave the ignominiousness of malicious purpose.
Age, doubtless, is a sieve which strains
away either the dregs, and leaves behind all
that is finest, or strains away the finer ele-
ments of experience, and leaves only the
dregs; and you can never be sure which of
the two processes will take place. Still,
of course, the veneration for age is founded
wholly on the assumption that the finer ele-
ments of experience are retained in the
mind, and the grosser ones purged away;
and this is the tendency in all cases in
which the character is governed by a pure
and noble will. In such a character even
the memory, which always lets so much
drop, as time goes on, appears to drop
exactly what most deserves oblivion, and to
hold fast to that which is best adapted to
guide, to refine, and to chasten. But it is
well to observe that it is age which consti-
tutes the blessing of experience which con-
stitutes the blessing of age. Sometimes
one is tempted to think that before inveter-
erable age could be perfected it would have
been regenerated with the high impulses
and passions of youth; for really it is the
precipitate of these impulses and passions,
under the magnetism of a pure and disinter-
ested will, which makes the experience in
which the glory of age consists.—*London
Spectator.*

WAITING.
Few words in the English language have so
great significance as the word waiting, and
few whose significance is so universally felt.
It touches the loftiest intellect, and is felt
no less by the humblest and most ignorant.
Life is made up of waiting. We wait with
three brains and weary body for the falling
of the shades of night which shut out the
turn of day and wrap the world in
peaceful slumbers. We wait for the sick
bed of a friend, or racked by suffering, we
wait for the rosy dawn which shall dispel
the shadows that grow more weird as the
night wanes. We wait for tidings from
our absent ones; we wait for their return,
sending far out our anxious gaze to catch
the first glimpse of their familiar forms.
We wait for the development of infancy
into intelligent childhood, and we wait for
the fruition of our hopes in the perfect
maulhood or womanhood of the child we
outward in our bosom. We wait for suc-
cess in our undertakings; we wait while
the wheel of time, slowly and surely turn-
ing, brings us the good we have striven
for, or crushes out hopes long and fondly
cherished.—*Houshold.*

HOW TO SPOIL THINGS.
To spoil steak—Fry it.
To spoil tea or coffee—Boil it.
To spoil custard—Bake it too long.
To spoil house plants—Water them too
much.
To spoil butter—Do not work out all the
milk.
To spoil a carpet—Sweep it with a stiff,
half-worn broom.
To spoil panees—Bake them on a luke-
warm griddle.
To spoil a breakfast—Grumble all the
while you are eating.
To spoil potatoes—Let them lie and soak
in water after boiling.
To spoil scissors—Cut everything from a
sheet of paper to a bar of cast iron.
To spoil a pair of garments in their mak-
ing—Cut them out carelessly and run all the
seams.
To spoil a wife—Find fault.
To spoil children—Humor them in every-
thing they happen to think want.
To spoil a school—Change teachers every
time some one in the district finds fault.
To spoil bread—Use poor flour and sour
yeast, and let it rise until too light and it
runs over.

BUSINESS DEPRESSION.—"Getting orders
now" asked one traveling man of an-
other, in a dull down in the South.
"Got one to-day," was the reply.
"Don't believe it."
"I did all the same."
"What was it?"
"An order from the house to come
home.—*Merchant Traveler.*

"How did you come to get married?"
asked a man of a homely friend. "Well,
you see," he replied, "after I vainly tried
to win several girls that I wanted, I finally
turned my attention to one that wanted
me, and then it didn't take long to ar-
range matters."

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and desirable article.

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more complicated in composition, and while
the material it is made from is fairly good,
it contains one ingredient that should not
enter into the composition of any baking
powder, namely: Carbonate of Ammonia.

This is a strong alkali, unfit for human con-
sumption, and I am surprised that this chem-
ical should be used when it is so well known
to be injurious to health in anything used for
food. In comparison there should be no
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and evenly, while the Royal passes off
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that in this respect the Cleveland Powder
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I have carefully weighed, are almost invari-
ably short weight, from $\frac{3}{8}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ oz.,
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claimed that it was caused by one thing, and some
by another. The fungus was prominent and disfig-
ured her looks. Having heard of Dr. Kennedy's Fa-
vorite Remedy working so thoroughly on the blood,
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did not do so until I had failed to do so and surgeons
hadly dared to undertake. I can say to truth that
the result of this trial was the complete cure of my
daughter of this dreadful malady. Dr. Kennedy's
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else, for other things had completely failed. My
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vorite Remedy alone is due the complete cure of my
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So softly allowed 'till dawn and day;

The bells clashed out from the ringing spire.

The night was redolent by many a fire;

The cottage smiled for the joy of the hall.

As the poor man answered the rich man's call.

And his lot for a day was less forlorn,

Because a little child was born.

In the bitter gloom of a winter's morn,

A babe was born.

The snow piled high in the narrow street,

Trodden and stained by hurrying feet;

To welcome the childers lay cold and dead,

And the woman who crunched on the damp straw

And the child who was born.

Muttered a curse, as the drunken sport

Swelled up to her hair from the crowded court,

Riot and merriment and merriment,

To welcome a waltz to a world of sin.

And a pitiful life was more forlorn,

Because a little child was born.

In a smiling home, amid sun and flowers,

A child grew up.

And beauty and culture and wealth,

To give power to the child and grace to health;

Geometric influence, thought and care,

To train the darling of love and prayer,

The stately heirloom of love and blood,

To crown the dower of maidenhood.

With childhood's pearly innocence kept

On the folded leaves where the sunshine slept.

So sweetly and nicely formed the cup

Life held, where the happy girl grew up.

Where home was a vague and empty world,

A child grew up.

Where cold and love were the only law,

And ugly misery all she saw;

Where want and sin drew hand in hand

Round the haunts that disgrace our Christian land;

A loveless, hopeless, joyless life

Of crime and wretchedness, struggle and strife!

Severed a glimpse of sweet spring skies.

To soften the flash in the wild young eyes;

No drop of peace in the poisoned cup

Life held, where the reckless girl grew up.

On a summer eve, as the slow sun set,

A woman died.

At the close of a long and tranquil life,

Honored and guarded, mother and wife,

With gentle hands whose work was done,

And gentle head whose crown was won,

With children's children at her knee,

And friends who watched her reverently;

Knowing her memory would remain,

Treasured by grief, that scarce was pain,

With her heart's dearest at her side,

Blessing and blessed, the woman died.

On a summer's eve, as the slow sun set,

A woman died.

She had fought the falling fight so long,

But time was cruel, hard and strong,

Without a faith, without a prayer,

With none to aid and none to care;

With not a trace upon the page

From desperate youth to loneliness now.

But sin and sorrow, wrong and chance,

And bitter blank of ignorance;

With not a hand to help or save,

With not a hand beyond the grave,

Tossed in the black stream's rushing tide,

Unmourned, unmourned, the woman died.

And we are all akin, rare the kindly deed!

O, the riddle of life is hard to read!

THE LOST DAUGHTER.

"All these are under two years," said

the matron of the foundling hospital, as she

looked complacently around on the goodly

array of babies of all sizes and complexions

ranged on either side of the long nursery.

There were babies plump and rosy and

good-natured, and all babies should be, and

pale, fretful, puny little creatures, who

looked as if they were already disgusted

with the life upon which they had entered;

black, blue and grey-eyed babies, and babies

with eyes of very little color at all.

It would seem that the lady addressed,

and who was desirous of obtaining one for

adoption, would find no difficulty in suiting

herself; but either she did not see what she

was in search of, or was too bewildered by

so many rival claims to be able to make any

choice.

"Here is a fine boy," said the matron,

pausing in front of a black-eyed fellow,

who sat on the knee of its nurse, sucking

its fat thumb.

"Yes; but I want a girl, a blonde. Some-

thing like this."

As the matron glanced at the photograph

the visitor handed her, which was that of a

lovely child of not more than two summers,

she uttered an exclamation of surprise.

"It is the picture of my little girl," said

the lady, her eyes filling with tears; "who

died a few weeks ago, and whose place I

wish to fill, if such a thing is possible."

"We have a girl in the hospital ward,

who resembles this picture so strongly that

I should think it was taken for her. Both

parents are dead, and so far as I can

learn there is no one to claim her."

The speaker led the way to a

cheerful, sunny upper room, where on one

of the coats a beautiful little child was

sleeping. The resemblance to the picture

was very strong and to the bereaved mother

it seemed almost like a revelation from

heaven.

"Lillian, darling Lillian!" she cried bend-

ing over her.

The child must have been dreaming of its

mother, for the fringed lids flew open,

revealing eyes blue and wondrously bright,

while the little arms went up with an eager

fluttering.

"Mother!"

Clasping the child to her heart, the lady

burst into tears, while the matron looked

wonderingly from one to the other.

"She looks enough like you to be your

own child."

"She is my own child," was the cheerful

response. "Providence has had compassion

on my loneliness and sorrow, and given my

little Lillian back to me."

"You have always been very kind to me

until now," said Lillian bursting into tears.

"But, indeed, indeed, I can never be happy

without Charlie!"

Taking his daughter's hand Mr. Howard

led her to a seat in the recess of one of the

windows.

"Let us talk over the matter calmly. You

are my only child, the pride and joy of my

heart. I have given you every advantage

that wealth can command, and feel that I

have a right to expect you to do better than

to marry a man with neither position nor

means to support you in the style to which

you have been accustomed. And your

mother fully agrees with me."

"But, papa, you always seemed to like

Charlie until now. You never objected to

his coming here, or my going out with him

before."

"I like him still; my personal feelings

toward him have not changed in the least.

But I find his prospects different from what

I thought they were. I supposed Mr. Haven

to have no family, and thinking so much of

the young man as he seemed to do—a dis-

tant relative, and all—I thought he would

inherit the largest part of the property.

But he tells me he has a daughter, who will

have every penny of it, which gives the

matter quite a different complexion. It is

a little curious that he has never spoken of

her as long as he has been here and as in-

imate as he had been with us."

"But why should you care for money, pa,

when you have so much?"

"You are wrong, Lillian. True, I am the

owner of considerable property, but the

shrinkage in all values has greatly crippled

my resources. Go now, my child; I have

some letters to write. You may be sure

that your father has decided wisely. Tell

the young man what I have told you, and

let that end the matter."

Tying on her hat Lillian went out for her

usual walk; but not even the bright sun-

shine, and bloom, and the verdure of the

beautiful June day could make her heart

less heavy. Her eyes were so blinded by

the tears that would come that she nearly

ran against an old-looking middle-aged

man, who came hobbling along the narrow

foot-path. As he caught a glimpse of the

young lady's quivering lips and tear-wet

lashes, he came to a sudden stop.

"Crying, Miss Lillian? What does this

mean?"

Lillian looked into the kind, sympathiz-

ing face of the speaker.

"Oh, Mr. Haven, papa says that I can

see Charlie only once more; and then only

to tell him that we can never marry."

"Does he?" was the grim response. I

think I shall have something to say about

that. Do you love Charlie?"

"Dearly."

"And you think he loves you?"

"I am sure of it."

"Then I see no reason why you two

should not marry."

Lillian opened her eyes widely.

"You don't think I ought to disobey my

father?"

"I have said nothing about your father;

that is about the last thing I should counsel

you to do. But Charlie is poor, you know.

I have a daughter just about your age, who

will inherit all my wealth. Do you think

you could be happy in a small, plainly fur-

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A great many new names have been added to our list in the past two months, and to still further increase our list we make the following offer: We will send a copy of the *Journal* for one year, free, to any person (or to any address they may desire) who shall send us the names of three new subscribers, with \$5.25, before March 1st. With very little effort you can add us, and secure your local paper free for one year, or have it sent to some friend. Will you not send us the names?

Tin: Springfield Republican. speaking of the river and harbor bill, this pleasantly sarcastic comment on ex-Gov. Long's success in securing \$8000 for Hingham: "Every man in the House would have paid it out of his own pocket, rather than not oblige John D."

The stockholders of the Boston & Albany Railroad at their annual meeting this week voted to ratify the lease of the North Brookfield road, to authorize the directors to fill the vacancies in the board, and to change the annual meeting to the second Wednesday of December.

Ex-Mayor Edson of New York has been sentenced to 15 days' imprisonment, with a fine of \$250, for not obeying an injunction forbidding him to nominate certain city officers. Mr. Edson appeals, and claims that he was advised by able counsel that the injunction was null and void.

An extensive system of robbery, which has been carried on successfully for years, is reported to have been discovered in Kentucky, a superficial examination of the records showing that the state treasury has been systematically robbed, under cover of the law, during that period, to the tune of \$2,000,000. It is believed that the Legislature has aided county and district rings in getting the money.

This expected appeal has been made to Congress for half a million more of money to help the New Orleans exposition out of its financial straits. The Southerners have found it a bigger thing to handle than they had any idea of, and the money will have to be given them to save the exposition from failure; but in the future, exhibitions of this kind which are recognized and helped by the government should be made to carefully count the cost in advance, with the certainty before them that the national treasury cannot be used to rescue them from any subsequent disastrous results of misfortune or mismanagement.

A GOOD REPORT of its doings for the past year is made by the national civil service commission. Of the 6347 persons examined—5228 men and 822 women—4141 passed at an acceptable grade. All who failed to reach 65, on a scale of 100, were rejected. It is worthy of note that nearly 70 per cent of those examined were educated in the common schools, less than 10 per cent coming from the colleges. Since the commission was established a year and a half ago, 2322 appointments have been made from those whom it has recommended, and the commission believes there has been no political discrimination whatever in the appointments, but that both parties are represented about equally in them.

CONGRESS counted the electoral vote Wednesday, the result showing 219 votes for Cleveland and Hendricks and 182 for Blaine and Logan. President Edmunds of the Senate, in announcing the result, created quite a sensation by stating that his announcement was only a public statement of the result, and in no sense an official declaration, which he disclaimed the power to make. Mr. Edmunds took the same position in the electoral dispute of 1876, but Senator Sherman and several others dissent strongly from this view, holding that the vice president has full power to count the votes and declare the result. There threatened to be a warm discussion of the subject, but it has been averted by referring the matter to a committee.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

The favorite beverage of the pugilist—punch.

Nobody knows what a racket there'll be after the 4th of March.

"Do Hogs Pay?" asks an exchange. Hardly. If they pay they are not hogs.

Brother Whitaker's Southbridge *Journal* commenced its 25th year last week, and did not appear to be growing very feeble in its advancing years.

Edmund Yates, a London editor, commenced his career as a journalist on a salary of \$5 per week, and is now in jail. Youthful aspirants for journalistic honors please make a note of this.

The Clinton *Centinel* says that Amy Barnes is giving cooking lessons in Millbury. Amy may be a splendid cook, but when those scholars commence to practice on the natives, poor Amy will have a good deal to answer for.

Engineer Melville proposes to write across the Arctic continent the name of the man who will furnish him with \$130,000 to fit out another polar expedition. Well, what of it? No one would take the trouble to go up there and read it after it was written.

A New York man offered \$10,000 for the return of his 14-years-old son who had gone west to become a cow-boy. It would have been cheaper to let him go. He would then have had all the dime novel romance taken out of him in a most thorough manner.

"Where are you going, my pretty maid?" "To the roller skating rink, sir," she said.
"What will you do there, my pretty maid?" "I'll skate on the rollers, sir," she said.
"Where are you going my pretty maid?" "Home from the skating rink, sir," she said.
"Why lookest so forlorn, my pretty maid?" "I flattened my little cher, sir," she said.
"John, why don't you get up? I've called you before," shouted the farmer to his boy whom he was trying to get out of bed in the morning. "I know you called, but my hand wasn't full, and I didn't want to show up," replied the smart youth, who had been out with the boys the night before. The old man remembered the days of his childhood, and dealt the boy a hand of clubs which was just the thing.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS.

From our Special Correspondent.

Boston, Feb. 11, 1885.

This Legislature is more like what we would be willing that our foreign brethren should see than was last year's, or perhaps any of recent years. It has not yet done anything to forfeit the judgment that it is a creditable gathering of representative men. Thus far it has been almost a one-man Legislature. Debate has dwelt chiefly upon financial matters, and Mr. Beard of Boston, as chairman of the finance committee, has been the leader in repelling the attack made by the young Democratic leaders upon the incidental expenses at the state house and upon the sergeant-at-arms. Doubtless the new men are learning rapidly, and they have the wisdom to do it in silence. Perhaps they are getting credit for a great deal more solid sense than they possess. Possibly when the wear and tear of long sessions and knotty questions begin to be felt they may prove to be no better statesmen than sat in their chairs last year, but we look for better things.

In the House the chief interest of the week has centered on the attempt to procure an investigation of the expenses of Capt. Mitchell, the sergeant-at-arms. It began in the criticism of Mr. Cross of Newburyport, a young Democrat, on the minor expenses at the state house. He was met by Mr. Beard of Boston with the statement, which was perfectly true, that his criticism should take the form of an inquiry into the expenditures under the sergeant-at-arms, that it was not pertinent to the bill under discussion. Mr. Cross retorted that he would bring in such an order and accordingly, on the next day, which was last Friday, he did present it. His proposed amendments to the state house expense bill were, meanwhile, defeated by a large majority, owing to Mr. Beard's perfect familiarity with the figures. Mr. Cross appeared at a decided disadvantage. When his order was presented, Mr. Beard asked to have it go over to Monday. This, of course, he had a right to do under the rules. On Monday, when the debate was renewed, Mr. Beard took the very proper ground that the House could not investigate unless some reason was shown for it. Mr. Cross was poorly prepared to make specific charges and was obliged to fall back on some of a petty nature. He had made so poor a case that finally Mr. Cowdry of Stoughton, a veteran Democrat, moved to table the order for investigation and the motion was carried by a large majority. The House can take it up whenever it sees fit, but it looks as if this would be the end of the whole matter. Capt. Mitchell's friends are confident that nothing crooked can be found in his finances.

Signs are appearing of the magnitude of the Hoosac Tunnel question. Mr. H. A. Blood has prepared a bill of formidable length to provide for the appointment by the governor of 15 Massachusetts citizens who shall constitute the corporation of the "Boston, Hoosac Tunnel and Northwestern Railroad Company." They shall act as the directors and set the business in motion. The Fitchburg and Vermont & Massachusetts roads are to be brought in as a part of a consolidated through line. The directors are to issue 150,000 shares of each of common and preferred stock of \$100 par value and the latter is allowed 2½ per cent semi-annual dividends before the former has a chance. It is also proposed to issue \$15,000,000 fifty-year 4 per cent bonds. The whole—tunnel, property and road—is to be surrendered by the state for the whole amount of common stock. After the road gets in operation (it is to extend only to the state line) the stockholders are to elect a new board of 17 directors, seven of whom shall represent the state. Another tunnel bill proposes to sell the whole property, but for not less than \$5,000,000, and thereby get enough to supply the deficit in the sinking fund and save the state the burden of heavy extra taxation. Nothing has been done on the matter by the tunnel committee.

No hostility has appeared to the bill to incorporate the New England Cremation Society, which proposes to incinerate the bodies of the dead instead of interring them, but the Legislature is cautious. The committee on mercantile affairs reported the bill unanimously and now the House has sent it to the committee on public health for further consideration. It is a novel matter, and of course should be well guarded, as it will be a precedent for future action.

The civil service commission has vacated its quarters in the state house and gone to No. 5 Pemberton square. Both the rooms occupied here were needed for committee rooms, and had always been used for that purpose.

Without a dissenting vote in the Senate the seat occupied by Mr. Alexander B. McGahey from the third Suffolk district has been declared vacant. So much corruption was discovered at the investigation that no other course was open. The record is disgraceful to the state and especially to the district in which the scenes occurred. McGahey and his opponent, Col. Spaine, are both Democratic liquor dealers, and it was a sorry choice between them. There is talk of running for the empty place Senator Galvin, a bright young Democrat, and he would be a vast improvement over either of the others.

Business is driving in the committee rooms. The state house swarms with people here on all sorts of errands. Some 15 to 18 hearings are in progress every day. Dockets are being reduced as fast as possible, and the temptation to make a good showing on the number of matters leads to a postponement of the heaviest subjects—like leaving the big sticks of wood till the last. Consequently the House is holding short afternoon sessions when it should be devoting the time to bills that need to be debated. This policy tends to prolong the session. The experienced assistant clerk of the Senate told me the other day that the Legislature could not possibly be through by June 1, and a member expressed to me the same opinion—fear it was with him. But the people of the state will find, when they come to review the work of the session, that it has been important, and unless I am mistaken, they will find that most of it has been well done.

LONDON.

Richard Short, the man who stabbed Capt. Phipps in O'Donovan Rossa's office at New York, is out on \$5000 bail.

Cardinal McCabe died Wednesday morning at Kingstown, aged 69 years.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

The mercury was 12° below zero yesterday morning.

The familiar face of Fred Winter was seen on our streets last Sunday.

This town has been extremely fortunate as regards runaways this winter.

The reading circle meets this evening with L. H. Gager on Central street.

A large party of Monson school children passed through Palmer on a sleigh-ride last Saturday.

There was no meeting of the library association Monday evening, there not being a quorum present.

Last Sunday was a fairly good day for the lively men, though the snow of the first part of it rather spoiled the patronage.

The funeral of the wife of W. A. Weld, who has been an invalid for several years, took place yesterday from St. Paul's church.

The gay and festive hand-organ man appeared on our streets last Friday, but really it does not look much as if spring was near at hand.

If the wicked stand on slippery places, the majority of the pedestrians about this village are exceedingly sinful just at the present time.

The widow of M. Fox has received the sum of \$2000 from the Bay State Beneficiary Association of Westfield, of which her husband was a member.

The Palmer people who visited Boston this week and did not go to see the cyclorama of the "Battle of Gettysburg" do not know what they have missed.

A sleigh-ride party of about thirty came down from Belchertown last Saturday and took supper at the Nassovanno House, attending the rink in the evening.

Walter Denning, a shoemaker and former resident of this place, was found dead in an outhouse at Providence, R. I., on the evening of January 25th. Heart disease was the cause.

At the quarterly gathering of Congregational ministers at Springfield on Tuesday, Rev. Mr. Hunter preached a sermon on the conditions necessary to secure revival fruits in the church.

Rev. Mr. Hunter lectured to young men last Sunday evening, speaking on "The excuses for wrong-doing tested." His talk was a pointed one, and one which all young men would do well to heed.

Elder S. G. Matthews of Worcester will preach at the Advent chapel Sunday. Subject in the afternoon: "The final restoration of all things spoken of by the holy prophets since the world began." Acts 3: 21.

The proposed sleigh-ride to Ware last Saturday afternoon did not come off, as no one put in an appearance at the appointed place of meeting. The announcement was made by a citizen of the place, to see if he could get a party out—and he is perfectly satisfied.

The majority of those who went to Boston on stockholder's day from this place, either took the motor or the accommodation train in the morning, and returned on the motor at night, which was an unusual heavy train, being composed of two engines and twelve cars.

Next Sunday evening is the regular monthly temperance meeting, which will be held at the Congregational church, and will be a laymen's meeting. The ministers do not intend to do all the talking themselves, and at future meetings hope to hear from the laymen, then the doctors, and so on.

The friends of James McLaughlin of Stafford Springs, formerly of this place, sympathize with him in the misfortune which overtook him last Sunday, when his printing office was wholly destroyed by fire. His paper, *The Press*, is issued this week from this office.

Herbert Wood Leach gave his lecture on the Jeannette expedition at Wales Hall on Monday evening, and was greeted with but a small audience. The illustrations with the stereopticon were very good, and Mr. Leach told a straight-forward story which was quite interesting.

To-morrow is St. Valentine's day, and the mails will be crowded with missives of all kinds—tender and loving, neat and tasteful, absurd and ludicrous, comic and insulting—for some are nothing better. The price for these articles varies all the way from one cent to several dollars.

The weather moderated a good deal on Monday, and in the evening a rain set in which continued until about noon on Tuesday, taking off the light snow of Sunday and making the sidewalks extremely slippery. The temperature changed again in the afternoon, and Wednesday morning every thing was ice again.

G. F. Eskrine of the depot restaurant captured a hoot owl yesterday that was sitting on the fence near the pump house. It seemed numb with the cold, and he took it to the waiting room of the depot. After getting thawed out a little it retired to a secluded nook overhead, where it seemed to be perfectly contented.

Next Wednesday a fellowship meeting will be held at the Congregational church in this place. The subject in the forenoon will be "Sanctification: What and How Secured?" and will be opened by Rev. C. L. Ayers of Three Rivers. In the afternoon the question is "What does the Church owe to Young Converts?" opened by Rev. Dr. Buckingham of Springfield.

A subscriber who has received the first number of her *Cottage Hearth* writes us that "on examination I find it very entertaining indeed, and if the succeeding numbers continue to be as interesting as the one we now have, it will always be a most welcome visitor in our household." Renewer that you have only two weeks more in which to secure this magazine free for one year.

William Kelly, an employee at the state primary school, was quite badly hurt by an ugly bull last Friday. When found the animal had trampled on him and was preparing to toss him, and he would probably have been killed had not help arrived just as it did. He is doing as well as could be expected, but does not remember what occasion he had to go among the cattle, or what the beast had done to him before help

came, but from appearances it is thought the cattle were fighting, and he attempted to separate them.

The barber shop of Oliver LaSalle was broken into last Monday night between 10 and 11. The thief, James Riley of Thorndike, made an entrance by breaking a pane of glass in the rear window. Twenty-four razors, three pairs of shears and three pairs of clippers were taken. Several of the razors were found in various shops in the eastern part of the state, where they had been sold, and the thief was found in the station house at Boston, where he was in for drunkenness. Judge Robinson bound him over to the May term of court in the sum of \$500.

The following business was transacted at the session of the probate court held at this place on Wednesday: Administration granted on the estates of—Dwight P. Allen of Brimfield, Josephine L. Allen, administratrix; Granville E. Barstow of Thorndike, Emma L. Barstow, administratrix. An executor's bond was filed on the estate of Lavan S. Gardner, late of Brimfield, and an administrator's account filed on the estate of John Smith, late of Wales. The dual account was filed and allowed in the guardianship of Gardner and June Wallace, Charles R. Dudley, guardian, and the account of Myron H. Hayden, guardian of Emma G. Stebbins of Ludlow, was filed.

Nearly all whose names were on the list as having applied for a charter to organize a council of the Royal Arcanum, met at Odd Fellows' hall Monday evening and elected these officers, who were installed by W. P. S. Willard of Boston: Regent, Geo. Robinson; vice regent, S. W. French; past regent, H. S. Longley; orator, W. W. Leach; secretary, W. H. Hellyar; collector, F. L. Brooks; treasurer, C. E. Fish; guide, Fred Allen; chaplain, Rev. O. R. Hunt; warden, F. C. Hatch; sentry, F. E. Sedgwick; financial committee—F. Marcy, C. E. Fuller, E. L. Davis; trustees—C. D. Holbrook, Dr. W. H. Stowe, J. W. Shanks. Quabog Council is the name adopted, and there are 26 members.

The social dance at the rink last Friday evening was well attended. Good order prevailed, and all seemed to enjoy the evening. There were large numbers present from Indian Orchard, Wilbraham, Three Rivers, Thorndike, Bondsville and Monson. Next Wednesday evening the manager announces the appearance of the Walker Brothers combination, in trick and acrobatic skating, tumbling, somersaults, etc., both on and off the rollers. The two polo teams expect to play an exhibition game on the 25th. The manager of the rink has in contemplation a masquerade for the little folks—allowing now over 12 years of age to go upon the floor until after 9 o'clock—to be given when those who are now beginning have learned to skate. A masquerade for the older ones will be given later.

William Ward, a tramp, refused to work Tuesday morning for his lodging and meals, and skipped out, but was brought back and sentenced to a year in the state work house, being put in a cell until he could be removed there. During the day he managed to dig a hole through the brick wall into a vacant cell, and through the hole succeeded in getting an opening through to the street, having only to kick out one layer of brick, when officer Morey went down to light up. Hearing some one coming he hid in an empty cell next the door of the corridor, which had a blanket hanging on the door to dry. Morey, thinking his man was safe behind the bars, walked to the farther end of the hall to light a lamp, leaving the keys in the door, when Mr. Tramp quietly steps out and locks his jailor in, puts the keys in his pocket and walks off. It was some time before Morey could raise any one and get released. The tramp has not been heard from since.

The Congregational society has decided as to what talent it will present for a course of entertainments, and papers are being passed around to see if enough tickets can be pledged to cover expenses, which will be about \$200. The tickets are put at the extremely low price of \$1 each for the course of five entertainments, which are as follows: Lecture, "Travels in the East," by Rev. Alexander McKenzie of Cambridge; readings, by A. P. Burbank of New York; lecture, "The Model Woman," by A. P. Kenig of Boston; lecture, probably by Col. Russell H. Conwell of Boston; concert, by the Schuman (ladies) Quartette of Boston, and Prof. L. L. Ryerson. The lecture by McKenzie will probably be given the 25th of this month, and the reading by Burbank on March 4th, as these gentlemen can be secured at no other dates. Mr. Burbank being highly spoken of at Three Rivers, where they have been the past season, and the others being persons of well-known excellence in their respective lines. The course ought to be a success at the low rate at which tickets are sold.

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The Brimfield Hall has been well patronized since the sleighing season opened, having had sleigh-ride parties from Globe Village, Southbridge, two from Monson and one of 77 couples from Warren. With other engagements for the future.

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That he would like to hear some suggestions on the subject. That he wonders if the town will make a highway appropriation large enough to enable the surveyors to materially benefit the roads of the town.

That he is afraid it will not. That to-morrow is St. Valentine's day. That he shall not be at home to-morrow. And that no valentines addressed to him will be opened.

He would like to know if the question of moving the town hall to this village will be brought up at the annual town meeting.

That lots of rehearsing is being done for the old folks' concert. That it will be a good one. That about three persons in town out of four have got a cold.

The ice crop has been a success. That cool drinks ought to be cheap next summer.

DISTRICT COURT.

Feb. 13—Timothy O'Connell of Monson; liquor keeping; fined \$50 and costs of \$10.00; and for drunkenness \$1 and costs of \$4.13; appealed each.

Michael Grady of Palmer; assault; paid costs of \$2.83, and the case was placed on file.

WEST WARREN.

A merry party of over 70 couples took advantage of the sleighing last Friday evening and drove to Brimfield, where they had a supper and good time generally at the Brimfield House.

EAST LONGMEADOW.

Rev. A. L. Dutton was taken suddenly ill last Saturday night and was unable to preach the next day. His pulpit was supplied in the morning by Rev. J. H. Gaylord, and in the evening both congregations united at the Methodist church.

THREE RIVERS.

The Sons of Temperance will give a picnic supper and sociable at the Union vestry next Friday evening.

Herbert E. Willis fell, Tuesday forenoon, from the roof of a two-story house on the "island," receiving a badly smashed wrist, a severe sprain in the back and several other bruises.

WALES.

Il. A. McFarland has been commissioned to issue warrants and take bail in criminal cases.

A singing school has been organized, and the first of the series was held at Shaw's Hall on Wednesday evening.

On account of poor health P. W. Moores has given up his position as superintendent of the Bell mill, which he has held for a number of years. The help regret very much that he must leave.

HAMPDEN.

There is to be a fellowship meeting with the Congregational church in this place next Wednesday, commencing at 11 a. m. The topic for discussion is "What is the relation of children to the church?" and will be opened by Rev. D. A. Reed of Springfield. A collation will be served at noon. In the afternoon Rev. M. S. Howard of Wilbraham will open the discussion on the topic "Is the standard of piety the same for the individual Christian as for the minister?"

NORTH WILBRAHAM.

The thermometer registered 9° below Wednesday morning.

Rev. M. S. Howard will preach at Grace chapel next Sunday at 2 and 5.30 p. m.

The Ladies' benevolent association met with Mrs. W. L. Collins Wednesday afternoon and evening. Mrs. E. W. Wall was chosen secretary and treasurer, vice L. C. Collins resigned.

The young people of St. Thomas' parish announce a concert, coffee and needle party, to be given at Liberty Hall next Monday evening. Dancing, with good music, will follow.

BELCHERTOWN.

A number of the high school scholars enjoyed a sleigh-ride to Palmer last Saturday. Miss Harriet Brown hurt her arm and wrist severely by a fall on the sidewalk Sunday morning. The ligaments were parted, but no bones were broken.

The grammar and primary schools at the Center completed their winter terms last Friday. There were fourteen scholars in the primary school who were neither absent nor tardy during the term.

The social at the G. A. R. rooms last Friday evening was well attended, and a very pleasant programme presented. G. B. Weston and daughter rendered the poem "Over the Hills to the Poor House," and Capt. Kimball of Enfield gave an account of the battle of Gettysburg.

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WARREN.

The schools have a holiday on Wednesday of next week.

The polo club netted \$20 at its benefit. Report has it that a new meat market is to be opened here soon.

The two-mile race at the rink the other evening was won by F. M. Peck.

The Warren Cornet Band is arranging for a ball on the 24th of this month.

The W. C. T. U. met at Mrs. Tyler's on Quabog street yesterday afternoon.

The polo team defeated the Brookfield team Tuesday evening, three goals to one. The stockholders of Tripp & Moore's boot shop have voted to discontinue business.

Seventy-eight couples enjoyed the ride to Brimfield last Friday. They arrived home about 2 a. m. Saturday.

Present division, Sons of Temperance, took a sleigh-ride to North Brookfield Monday evening to visit the division there.

Wonder where the snail mail was Wednesday morning; sidewalks all ice and roads nearly as bad. He surely ought to have been out then if ever.

Sunday morning Rev. W. G. Richardson spoke on lotteries. At the close of the service many signatures were obtained to a petition requesting the legislature not to legalize lotteries for charitable objects as requested by the G. A. R.

Miss Annie E. Hills, teacher of the grammar school, was the recipient of a surprise party Tuesday evening from her pupils, who presented her with a handsome pair of velvet cabinet picture frames. The evening was spent in playing games, etc.

THORNDIKE.

A sleigh-ride party of eighteen couples went to Ware last evening, taking supper at the Hampshire House and having a first-rate good time.

A delegation of our citizens went to Palmer last Monday evening and attended the lecture given by H. W. Leach. They were delighted with the entertainment and speak in the highest terms of the lecturer and his handling of the subject.

Herbert Willis, the painter, met with a severe accident last Wednesday at Three Rivers by falling from the roof of a two-story house, fracturing his arm and causing internal injuries. Dr. Holbrook states that he is badly injured, but has hope of his recovery.

The sleigh-ride announced in last week's *Journal* as having taken place under the management of the Star of Hope division of Sons of Temperance, was a failure, owing to the mismanagement of the man appointed to secure the hotel accommodations at Ware, who assumed authority not given him, thereby causing a great disappointment to the Division.

The funeral of Dr. Granville E. Barstow took place last Saturday from his residence. The Masonic and Odd Fellow societies were well represented. The body was deposited in a receiving tomb at Palmer. Dr. Granville E. Barstow was born in Vernon, Vt., April 23d, 1847, and studied medicine with his father, Dr. Noyes Barstow, and Dr. Parker of Chicopee, Mass. He commenced practice in Thorndike in October, 1876. He was married to Miss Emma L. Dow, of West Albany, Vt., about 14 years ago. His widow left here on Monday last for Springfield, Mass., bearing with her the heart-felt sympathy of the entire community.

WILBRAHAM.

The public schools close one week from to-day.

The town receives \$900 from the estate of Caroline Smith.

Last year there were 30 births, 15 marriages and 33 deaths in town.

The juniors of the academy held a reception in Fisk Hall Saturday evening.

"Philo" and "Cub" of the academy have a union society this evening in Fisk hall. Albert Allen, who has been spending the winter in Florida, returned home recently.

There will be a "dime social" with music and readings, at the house of F. E. Clark on Maple street this evening.

The Wesleyan glee club from Middle-

town, Conn., will give a concert in Fisk Hall next Friday evening, under the auspices of the Philo society.

H. J. Fitzgerald, a former student at the academy, but lately a reporter on the *New York World*, was murdered last Friday night in that city, while about his work.

A Dream.
Not in her eyes that such eloquence speak,
Not in the blush of her velvety cheek,
Not in the sheen of her bright yellow hair,
Not in her country imperial air,
Not in the kisses that hang on her lips,
Not in her fingers' eute tapering tips,
Not in the curve of her chin like a pearl,
Not in her wit, eye so gracefully put,
Not in her ear, like some rose-tinted shell,
Not in her teeth that no pearls can excel,
Not in her smile that a saint's heart might win,
Not in the dimples that grace her plump chin,
Not in good sense, in which none are above her,
Not in her breath, sweet as blossoming clover,
Not in her form as perfection complete,
Not in her hand, so melodiously sweet,
Not in her neck, than the snow-blossom whiter,
Not in her step, than the mountain deer's lighter,
Not in her face, so so blindingly bright,
Find I the rapture her presence imparts;
Not in her voice—sweet as Orpheus' lyre—
That says: "Stay in bed, John, I'll start up the fire."
—Buffalo Express.

A LITTLE BLUE-EYED GIRL'S GRANDPA.
Among the passengers on the steamship "State of Georgia," which arrived the other day, was D. S. Patterson, an aged and grey-haired carpet weaver, totally blind. He carefully felt his way with a knotted cane down the gang plank of one of the immigrant barges at Castle Garden, and just as he reached the wharf, a little brown-haired, blue-eyed girl threw her arms about his neck and said: "Oh, grandpa!" The old man kissed and hugged her until he was tired. Then she took hold of the big forefinger of his toil-stained right hand and led him away. He stopped every now and then and rather crushed her maternally demeanor by picking her up and kissing her. She was the old man's grandchild, Sarah Ferguson, and had come alone all the way from North Platte, Nebraska, to take him to her father and mother there. They got on a train of the Erie road at Jersey City.—New York Sun.

"How are you, old buffer?" said the tender to the railway car. "Do not couple me with any such language, you sooty little wretch; you have been drinking on the road again," replied the car. "Don't get off the track and break me up so, it was only a tender remark, you know you are always following me all over the country," retorted the other. "I have a great mind to speak to your tooter on the locomotive there," said the car. The locomotive who had been quietly smoking, fired up at this as if it were about to join in the railway, but the belle of the train began to wag her tongue, and the engineer pulled them all out of the depot so suddenly that the locomotive felt its head light.—Commercial Bulletin.

A wealthy and charitable lady, returning from a drive on a colder day, calls for her steward and bids him send some wood to a poor family that is almost freezing to death. Then her ladyship throws off her wraps and wheels her easy chair up to the blazing fire and soon is warm and comfortable. Enter the steward to ask how much wood he shall send the sufferers. "Well," said the lady, reflectively, "I don't know. Never mind—I'll think it over and let you know. There isn't really any hurry about it; you see it has grown much warmer since I came in."

CRUEL CLARA'S CUTTING THROAT.—"What do you think?" said Clara, "that horrid Tom Brown proposed to me last night. He hummed up and haved a long time, but finally spunked up courage to ask for my hand." "And what did you say, dear?" asked Delia. "Say? Why, I told him I could not be so cruel as to burden him with a third hand when he didn't know what to do with the two he already had—the awkward body."

At a little dinner party the husband, while carving a fowl, lets a wing fall on the floor. "Do be quick!" his wife cries, "or Ponto will get it. He's just run under the table after it!" "All right, my dear," says the husband, with great presence of mind, "I've put my foot on it!" (He rescues it triumphantly, but the lady to whom he offers it says she prefers the limb of the fowl.)

"Hello," shrieked Jones to Smith, this morning. "Hello." "I'm no walking telephone to be 'helloed' at. Why don't you say 'good morning' to a gentleman?" "I do when I meet one."

The polls closed and the ballots were counted. It was a tie. Neither party had carried the day. "Yes," said the captious man, "I enjoyed the congregational singing at your church immensely. There was none of that slavish uniformity which is so monotonous, you know, but, on the contrary, a most charming diversity of time and tune. I was impressed by it." This was high praise, but nobody seemed to appreciate it.

At a recent Sunday school meeting in Chicago a long-winded clergyman consumed too much of the time with a wordy address. When he sat down, the leader of the meeting unwittingly announced the hymn beginning "Hallelujah! 'tis done!"

I want to know why it is that when a baby is clean and nicely dressed, it won't come to me; but when he is covered with taffy and bread and butter it insists upon climbing all over me.—Brooklyn Times.

Pat Junior, in answer to inquiry by Saxon tourist—"There's foive of us, yer honour, an' the baby." Saxon—"And are you the eldest?" Pat Junior—"I am, yer honour—at present."

"I admit," said the young lawyer, "that I am not a very good man; but then how could you expect it of me? It's practice that makes perfect, you know; and that I haven't got."

"He tried to kiss me and I just told him to behave," said an irate young lady after a sleigh-ride. "Well, did he kiss you?" asked her friend. "No, the idiot, he behaved."

Speaking of the different ages of this world, to what age do peddlers belong? To the pack-age.

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"Well, and what did your mother say?"
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No more discipline reports were sent home to that mother.—Chicago Sun.

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"Then lemme some bait."
"Hain't got no bait."
"Ketch eny fish?"
"Gittenny bites?"
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"Then whatcher doin'?"
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The Sheepfold.

De massa ob de sheepfold!
Dat guards de sheepfold! bin,
Look out in de gloomerin' meadows
Whar de long night rain begin—
So he call to de hircin' shepa'd,
His sheep—is dey all come in?
O den says de hircin' shepa'd,
Dey's some; dey's black and thin,
And some dey's po' of white,
But de rest dey's all bring in.
Bin de rest, dey's all bring in.
Den de massa ob de sheepfold!
Dat guards de sheepfold! bin,
Cio's down de gloomerin' meadows
Whar de long night rain begin;
He le' down de bars ob de sheepfold,
Callin' sof—"Come in, come in!"
Callin' sof—"Come in, come in!"

WHY THEY DIDN'T SETTLE MR. LINDSEY.

Mr. Lindsey was preaching in the Lennox parish on probation; that is, he had been engaged for the year. After that time, if he suited Miss Rich, who had the parish in charge, so to speak, who canvassed for money to paint the church, looked up poor children for christening and the Sunday school, exhorted the young people to join the confirmation class, mapped out the way for the sewing society, planted the church Christmas tree, and made the parish her hobby, if he suited Miss Rich, if he was high church enough for Mr. Grimm and low enough for Mrs. Phelps, if he believed with Dr. Slow in the doctrine of election—why, then they were to settle him.

"What a capital wife Lucretia Shaw would make Mr. Lindsey," vouchsafed Miss Rich, shortly after he had addressed the Lennox pulpit. "She's just the person for a parson's wife—bustling and—"

"I'm afraid she'd take the parish off your hands, Miss Rich," answered Mrs. Phelps, who, having no desire to do the hard work which her neighbor loved, yet grudging her the credit of it.

"Well, there's work enough in the parish for two of us, Mrs. Phelps. I wouldn't be a bit afraid but I'd get my share."

"To be sure," pursued Mrs. Phelps, "Lucretia's smart, and I don't believe in a parson with a doll of a wife who can't darn the children's clothes, and is too feeble to get along without help."

"Yes," put in old Mr. Smith, "she'd be no end of a step-mother to Mr. Lindsey's boy, and if ever a boy needed a step-mother it's him. Lucretia's powerful smart, as you say, and she'd make him talk Spanish."

"Yes," added Miss Rich, "a widower somehow needs a wife more'n anybody, to sympathize with him in his loss. I shouldn't wonder if Lucretia would bring the boy up to the ministry if she had her way."

"Between you and me," said Mrs. Phelps, "I think that the parson goes to the Shaw's rather more than necessary for the salvation of their souls."

"You can't tell. Perhaps Lucretia has doubts."

"And perhaps," said Dr. Slow, "perhaps it's Miss Susan."

Everybody laughed, and cried "Miss Susan!" with few irony in their tones.

"Who ever heard of Susan having attention?" asked Mrs. Phelps.

"I've engaged Lucretia to embroider a new altar-cloth," explained Miss Rich; "I raised the money for it last month—I tell you it's like pulling teeth to get money out of this parish—and I suppose the parson has to advise her about the proper designs and things; Lucretia ain't well drilled in symbols and such, you know."

In fact, everybody in Lennox had decided that Mr. Lindsey should marry Lucretia, and perhaps Lucretia had decided so, too, for she was an everlasting time over that altar-cloth, and needed no end of advice and instruction; her ignorance and innocence were quite touching. And Mr. Lindsey seemed quite willing to spend his leisure under the Shaws' roof, and watch the sacred symbols growing under the white and shapely hands of Miss Lucretia.

"That haid of Lucretia will be sure to do the business," somebody had said. "Mr. Lindsey's a man of taste, if he is a clergyman—as if the two were not usually found combined, and I heard him say it was fit for a duchess."

Miss Lucretia's hand was indeed her loveliest feature, so to speak—white as snow, with the prettiest taper fingers, pink at the ends. Once when Mr. Lindsey had mentioned them flatteringly Miss Susan who was doing the week's mending near by, drew her own hands under her work he noticed. Nobody ever took the trouble to notice Miss Susan. Lucretia sang in the choir, although her voice was thin as muslin, and she had no ear; nobody dreamed or cared if Susan sang like a seraph; she sat in Lucretia's shadow, and people almost forgot she was there, till they needed her help. Mr. Lindsey had taught the choir himself, and after the altar-cloth could no longer be made a pretext to cover a multitude of calls, there were the chants and fugues to practice. One morning, as he drilled Lucretia for half an hour ineffectually, he suddenly turned to Susan.

"Come," he said, "try this chant with me, Miss Susan," and Susan opened her mouth and chanted as nobody in the choir had ever chanted before.

"Bravo!" he cried. "When did you learn it?"

"Why, I have heard it all my life; why shouldn't I know it? I couldn't help it."

"We must have you in the choir," he said.

"Susan Shaw in the choir!" gasped everybody on the way out of church. "Mr. Lindsey is bringing her out."

"She's Lucretia's sister, you know," explained Miss Rich.

"And her voice rather drowns Lucretia's," said Dr. Slow.

Mr. Lindsey was giving great satisfaction. The parishioners talked of remodeling the old rectory, adding a wing and a bay window, and even spoke of taking in an adjoining field so that "Lucretia might have a flower garden." They even meditated an increase of salary as soon as he should be settled in the parish, and Mr. Grimm thought he should add a codicil to his will in favor of the new pastor and Lucretia's husband.

"When they're married," reckoned Miss Rich, with unchristian thrift; "we shall have all our church trappings embroidered for nothing, I suppose."

"Do you think Susan will live with 'em?" asked Mrs. Phelps. "Praps he won't care about marrying the whole family."

"He's powerful kind to Susan, though," "He takes a sight of notice of her."

"You kinder forgot she's Lucretia's sister," put in Miss Rich, "an' all she's got."

It was surely plain that Mr. Lindsey took pleasure in the society at the Shaw homestead. At picnics, at prayer or choir meetings he was always on hand to take Lucretia and Susan home; he lent them his books and directed their reading; he brought them flowers from town when he happened to go up.

"I shall be so glad to give up the presidency of the Bethel society and the Dakota League to Lucretia," said Miss Rich. "It's only proper for the clergyman's wife to be at the head of them."

"You'll feel sorter lost without 'em, won't you?" asked Mrs. Phelps.

"The parish is a large field. I think I can spare them to Lucretia. Do you know the other night as I was going to watch with Miss Hart when she had information of the lungs, I came across Lucretia and Susan and Mr. Lindsey. I must say I should think Susan would have more taste than to follow 'em everywhere. Why don't she keep herself in the background?"

"She's been pretty much in the background all her life," said Dr. Slow. "Perhaps she's tired of the situation."

"But she ought to have more consideration. Perhaps the lovers don't mind her. There they were, all three of them, watching the comet and studying the heavens."

"A proper study for a clergyman," said Dr. Slow.

"And he was pointing out all the constellations, and it seemed to me they were looking at him instead of the stars," pursued Miss Rich.

"It would be a complication," suggested Mrs. Phelps, "if while he is courting Lucretia, Susan should fall in love with him."

"It would be no use," said Mrs. Grimm.

"Lucretia's that smart she'd make him believe it was her he was dying for."

"But what's the use of talking about Susan? Who expects him to marry Susan Shaw? People usually do what's expected of 'em, and the parish expects Mr. Lindsey to marry Lucretia."

"They want to settle Lucretia, eh?" asked Dr. Slow.

The Shaws had enough to keep the wolf from the door, but nothing to spare; they owned their house, but kept no servants.

"Help would be dreadfully in their way," Miss Rich declared. "I wonder they don't feel glad they can't afford any."

Susan always wore the simplest garments which she designed and executed herself, while Lucretia—

"Well if there's anything that nits Lucretia for her future position at the head of the parish," confessed Mrs. Phelps, "it's her love of luxury."

Lucretia always blossomed out in a pretty spring bonnet—while Susan made her last year's one answer—and a smart new wrap made in the latest wrinkle.

"It's natural," Miss Rich explained; "a girl likes to make the most of herself. Now Susan looks as well in her old things as she would in Indy cashmeres; besides, Lucretia earns her ribbons and laces. Ain't she embroidering day and night?"

"Except when she ain't off skylarking with the parson," said Dr. Slow.

"I'm sure she's always chaperoned by Susan," returned Mrs. Grimm.

"Yes; there ain't been no secession of Susan's going on with 'em," added Miss Rich. "She don't seem to have the smallest idea she ain't wanted. She ain't used to lovers, you see."

"But if Lucretia embroiders night and day," said Miss Grimm's sister-in-law—who was only in Lennox on a visit, and had no earthly concern in parish affairs Mrs. Grimm thought—"who keeps the house, and does all the dusting and sweeping, cooks and mends, I'd like to know?"

"Of course Susan does them little things," confessed Miss Rich. "Anybody can do 'em; there's nothing else she knows how to do. Wouldn't it be a pity for Lucretia to waste her time, now, washing dishes, keeping the lodgers' rooms in pickle, spoiling them white hands of hers—pretty enough for a parish to be proud of—when she can make such lovely ferns and flowers as she does?"

"Who made all the evergreen trimmings for the church last Christmas?" asked Dr. Slow, adding: "It wasn't those pretty hands of Lucretia's."

"Well, she's Lucretia's sister; and that gives her a taste for decorations, I suppose," said Mrs. Phelps.

"Mr. Lindsey took Susan out in his boat 'other day,'" said Mrs. Grimm, a few weeks later. "Lucretia had one of her sick headaches. That's what I call really sick headaches; it must have been such a bore. It's a pity Lucretia's troubled with them headaches, if she's going to be at the head of the parish."

"Oh, was that Susan?" asked Mrs. Phelps. "I thought of course it was Lucretia. I saw them come ashore after dusk, and they stood at the gate and talked till all was blue."

"I suppose they were talking about Lucretia," persisted Miss Rich; "a man always likes to talk about his sweetheart, you know."

"They must have had a heap to say. He seemed as interested as when he's expound-

ing scripture. They looked mighty affectionate, too. I don't believe Lucretia'd have liked the look of it."

"There ain't nothing jealous about Lucretia; a parson's wife ought to set her face against such a thing."

It was about this time that the parish picnic occurred—an institution which everybody believed in. Hain't there been more picnics made at the last than during all the year besides? And wasn't it a fine chance to test Mrs. Phelps' recipes, Miss Rich's cream pies, and Mrs. Dr. Slow's tart? Of course Lucretia went, and Mr. Lindsey with her. Susan happened to be making preserves and pickles that day, and the berries wouldn't keep, and so she stayed at home. At about the middle of the afternoon, when they had had their dinner and cleared away, and things were a little slow, and they wanted somebody to start some music, Mr. Lindsey was nowhere to be found.

"Oh, he's gone off with Lucretia somewhere," said Miss Rich, who felt it her duty to account for him.

"No; there's Lucretia now, talking about free will with Dr. Slow."

"Perhaps he's gone home to write his sermon," suggested somebody else, the picnic grove being only half a mile from town.

"Or he's finding 'tongues in trees and sermons in stones' out here."

But at sunset Mr. Lindsey strolled back, with Susan on his arm, in time to join them at tea, and he and Susan made the coffee, and pitched the tunes they sang before the day ended.

"Now wasn't that real thoughtful in Mr. Lindsey to go after Susan? That's what I call real Christian, and a brother-in-law worth having," commented one old lady.

But when Mrs. Bishop, who had staid at home with a teething baby, reported that Mr. Lindsey had not gone home to write his sermon, but had walked straight into Susan's kitchen, and had helped her seal up the preserve jars and set them away, and had sat in the front porch an hour or two afterward with her—when he might have been with Lucretia—reading secular poetry, and not Dr. Watts or Charles Wesley either, the parish rose in its wrath to a woman. This would not do; Lucretia must not be trifled with; Mr. Lindsey had inspired hope in her gentle heart; he must marry Lucretia or leave the parish.

"You see," explained Mr. Phelps, "we want to settle you, Mr. Lindsey. You suit us to a T, but it seems as if you ought to propose to Lucretia Shaw, you've been so attentive."

"Propose to Lucretia Shaw!" repeated the young man, with a startled air. "What has that to do with settling me? Is every clergyman who comes to Lennox obliged to propose to Lucretia Shaw as a preliminary preparation?"

"Well, no, not exactly," laughed Mr. Phelps; "not unless he's give the parish reason to expect it. You know we don't want the credit of settling a philanthropist parson who makes love right and left. I'd no idea the thought would be new to you, but the parish has set its heart on the match, you see, and we wouldn't like to settle a man, if he was eloquent in prayer, who'd trifled with the affections of one of the flock, you know."

"But, my dear sir," said Mr. Lindsey, "I'm not in love with Lucretia Shaw. You wouldn't have me perjure myself?"

"Not in love with Lucretia! The parish won't believe its own eyes again, I reckon."

"Well," said Mr. Grimm severely, "we couldn't think of settling a preacher that hadn't no more principle than to throw over Lucretia Shaw after taking tea so much at her house, and raising her hopes, as it were."

"Perhaps," said Mr. Lindsey, after a pause; "perhaps you will be able to forgive me for not proposing to Lucretia when I tell you that I have already proposed to Susan. You see it would complicate matters a little if I were to accede to your wishes. However, I have lately received a call from a western parish, and should feel obliged to decline the Lennox parish, even if you had thought me worthy of it, as this other furnishes a larger field of usefulness and—"

"Larger salary, I suppose?" asked Mr. Grimm.

"And larger salary," allowed Mr. Lindsey; "double in fact."

"I suppose," persisted Miss Rich, after the wedding; "I suppose Lucretia must have refused him first."

"Chuck" Smith died in a Colorado mining town the other day, and the local paper discourses upon a shocking accident at the funeral thus: "The remains were transported to the grave in first-class style in Joe Biglin's best hearse. Unfortunately, before the cemetery was reached, the horse took fright and ran away. The hearse was overturned and Mr. Smith was spilled from the coffin, sustaining a compound fracture of the arm. It was lucky for Joe Biglin that poor 'Chuck' was not alive, as in that case he would certainly have claimed heavy damages."

A TASTE FOR READING.—If I were to pray for a taste which should stand me under every variety of circumstances, and be a source of happiness and cheerfulness to me through life, and a shield against the ills, however things might go amiss and the world frown upon me, it would be a taste for reading. Give a man this taste and the means of gratifying it, and you can hardly fail of making him happy. You make him a denizen of all nations, a contemporary of all ages.—Sir John Herschel.

Aloft on the throne of God, and not below, in the foot-prints of a trampling multitude, are the sacred rules of right, which no majorities can displace or overturn.

The New York Tribune says "between them, El Mahdi in the Sudan and El Paldi in Ireland, they are giving poor John Bull plenty to do."

HORRIBLE.

Ever since the Merry Christmas chimed filled the wintry air with deep-tongued melody, one of our most popular young men has been seen wandering aimlessly about the streets, wearing upon his face a look so sad, so execrably painful, that it attracts unusual attention. When asked by his friends what causes his dispondency he sadly shakes his head, and replies "Nothing," and resumes his funeral gait. Some think him laboring under a hidden sorrow, and others aver that the canker worm of remorse for some concealed crime is gnawing at his heart, but his physician thinks that he is only bilious and that a few doses of medicine will soon bring him around all right. The truth has at last leaked out, and here it is.

Our young friend was desperately in love with one of Pawtucket's fairest daughters, and for a Christmas present determined to give her a sealskin cloak. On Christmas eve he went to a dry goods store, (it was not in Pawtucket; next time he will learn to trade at home as we have advised every body to do in year in and year out,) told the polite and perfumed clerk what he proposed to do, and asked to be shown something in the desired line. A selection was soon made, placed in a box, and neatly tied up, and after asking the clerk to lay it aside for a short time the young man left the store to call on a friend. After he had gone out, the sleeping devil of mischief in the clerk's polluted heart roused up and led him into the commission of a trick so damnable that it would cause the fiends who roam the dark Plutonian shores to blush with shame! Producing a box similar to the one in which the cloak had been placed he filled it with old newspapers, and on top of them laid a pair of old red flannel drawers, of the feminine gender. Then he tied the package up very neatly, wrote the young man's name on it and went home to supper. We would give the clerk's name, but he has a family dependent upon him for support and the heart of his victim is yearning for gore!

The young man presently came in, picked up his bundle, and with a light, joyous step, wended his way to this town and to the home of his innamorata, whistling "If ever I cease to love." He was affectionately welcomed and after a few moments conversation said:

"I have brought my darling a Christmas gift, and I bring it to her freighted with a love as pure as ever welled up from the heart of man. In making a selection I had my chosen one's comfort ever before my eyes, and I think you will agree with me that what I have brought you, will not only shelter your fair form from the storms and frosts, but it will also attract marked attention every time you exhibit it on the street. Men and women who may see it flitted to your beautiful figure will turn and gaze after you as you promenade the street, impelled by a power which they cannot resist. They will not only admire its neat fit, which will show every curve of your beautifully rounded form, but its handsome color, as the garment bends and waves with the motion of such a lovely body, will be to the masses a fascinating sight. How my heart beat with pleasure while selecting the present; when I thought how charming you would look with it on! I have here a few verses which I composed for the occasion, and I hope you will preserve them also as a memento of the joyous event:

MY DARLING'S CHRISTMAS GIFT.
Here my darling's feet I lay
A tribute of my love—
A love as bright as a summer day,
Or shining sun above,
And when within this handsome gift
Her fair form she doth slide,
I pray her thoughts may eager drift
To when she'll be my bride.
It's no jewel rare I bring,
From Arie's distant mine—
It will not to the finger cling,
But to the form divine.
And oh! I pray that you may wear
It many, many years,
And that its bosom may enclose
Be stationed by falling tears.
Enraptured in this, no wintry blast
Can chill my darling's form;
The winds may howl in fury past,
And still she will be warm,
When buttoned tightly, Mary, dear,
The frosts will seek in vain
My loved one's form to get near,
And sting with cruel pain.
Accept it from your loyal John,
Who brings this gift to thee,
And every time you put it on,
I pray you think of me.
A tribute of affection's zeal
I place it in your arms—
How justly proud you ought to feel,
To hold such royal charms!

"And now, darling, I have but one request to make, and that is that my hands may be the first to place the beautiful garment upon your fair form. Let me put it on you and button it about you with a true lover's blessing. Arise, my beloved one, and see how it fits."

He had been undoing the package, and as the maiden rose to her feet with a proud and loving smile he removed the lid. Thinking the flannel a cloth placed over the cloak to protect it, he caught it up and it unfolded and hung before her in all its doubled barrel graudence. With a piercing shriek she sank to the floor in a swoon, and, with every hair on its end and his blood frozen with horror, the miserable man fled out into the darkness, out under the cold and silent stars, and he yet wanders up and down the street with an aching heart, mentally praying that death may soon come and blot from his memory the experience of that wretched moment.—Pawtucket Gazette and Chronicle.

AS AUSENT-MINDED WAITER.—At the breakfast table. New waiter—Porterhouse steak, French chops, breaded cutlets, or broiled ham?
Dumley (dazed)—S-s-say it again.
New waiter (recovering himself)—Excuse me. I was thinking of my last place. Er—liver or pickled codfish?
Dumley (gloomily)—Fish.—N. Y. Sun.

The Sleigh Belle.

Hear the sleigh bells, how she chatters
With her beau!
How she chatters, chatters, chatters,
Of innumerable matters,
While the horse's heel bespatters
Her with snow!
See the sleigh belle with her lover!
How they feel
Like a pair of colts in clover,
This sweet sleigh belle and her lover,
Underneath the dainty cover
Of the seat!
See the people stand and stare
At the belle,
As with loosely flowing hair
And a smile beyond compare,
She is speeding through the air
With a swell.
Oh! such weather suits for riding,
Though 'tis rough;
And the sleigh belle loves the gliding,
And such merry, merry gliding,
And such merry, merry gliding,
With her fifteen fingers hiding
In her muff!

BEAUTY BLUSHING UNSEEN.

Punch said at the time of the exhibition of '51, that Spier's Pond's young ladies all married French lukes or marshals, and like many of Punch's wittiest jokes, there was truth at the bottom of it. The fact is, in the relation of the sexes, man requires a woman requires to be seen—she must have a chance. Women are quite alive to this. In this overworked age, hundreds of pretty girls never get their chance, and they often end in throwing themselves away in more ways than one. Beauty has a very definite value in the marriage lottery; but the girls cannot hit upon a market. Find one for them, and their own charms may be trusted for the rest. But how many bloom almost unseen, and waste their fragrance, etc.? They may live in a small way, see no company, be closely watched by mamma and papa, and waste and pine away after year; but no one comes along, and they cannot hunt for themselves. Some modified form of the old Babylonian marriage market is much needed nowadays. It is all nonsense to say that women are shy of exhibiting themselves. Provide them with a "modus exhibitionis," smooth the way, make it respectable, "the thing," or something recognized, and they will be ready enough, poor neglected dears! I do not see why every town should not have its beauty show of respectable girls of all classes, as every village used to have its May queen. Much of our Puritanical squeamishness has worn off of late—some people think a little too much; but we must always remember that with fiery steels—and the fundamental instincts are fiery steels—when the rein is drawn unnaturally tight, there is as much danger as when the rein is too slack.

To deny that people of both sexes and of all ages care about pretty women, or to say that it is wicked to take pleasure in the sight of a beautiful face, is mere affectation. Why do people go to see Mary Anderson or Mrs. Langtry? Not because they can act, but because they are pretty. Were either of them as plain as Rachel, or as old as Mrs. Ristori, no one would go near them. Why do we like tableaux vivants? Because pretty women are to be seen there, and may be positively stared at without offense. No, there is a lot of lunacy about the contemplation of, and I will add, legitimate delight in female beauty, as if only a Peeping Tom here and there really looked straight at a fair form, or as if a beautiful woman necessarily resented admiration, and was embittered and humiliated to think that she could give so much pleasure by simply allowing her lovely face to be seen. Jenny Lind in her prime was never what could be called beautiful; the crowds loved to look upon her face; and when she came on to the stage and stood waiting silently until the storm of applause which always greeted her appearance subsided, she was in the habit of turning first to the left and to the right, simply to allow every one to have the pleasure of a good stare. They had paid their money almost as much for that as for the songs, and she was resolved that none should be defrauded as far as she was concerned. No one thought the gracious and unaffected act anything but one more artless manifestation of a simple and beautiful character.—London Truth.

An effort will be made at this session of the Legislature to prevent the printing, publishing, selling or lending of any book, pamphlet or magazine, newspaper or other printed paper devoted to the publication, or principally made up of, criminal news, police reports or accounts of criminal deeds or pictures and stories of deeds of bloodshed, lust or crime. Even Texas, a state supposed in the North to be quite lawless, has a law somewhat like this. Crime literature infects the youth of the country with evil tendencies and every day leads to the actual commission of crime. Some newspapers are all that should be endured, perhaps more; let the rest of the crime publications be suppressed.

"I don't know that it is malaria—that is, I'm not—ah—" he ran his fingers in a sweet, invalid style through his hair, and over his sad, sad eyes. "I can't eat anything— you see—ah! My appetite is so delicate. It rejects everything—ah!"

"Have you tried Sulker's Baby Food?" she mildly suggested.

And after he had answered "No—ah," he really looked quite distressed, and thought he would "go home—ah."

Proprietor of German restaurant to new waiter: "Dot letter for you, eh? You was der Baron von Shinkelberg?" New waiter (meekly): "Yes, Mein Herr." Proprietor: "Den you was'n no regular waiter, eh? Vell, I'dake a dollar a week off your wages."

We must lend an attentive ear, for God's voice is soft and still, and is only heard of those who hear nothing else. Ah, how rare it is to find a soul still enough to hear God speak!—Fenelon.

MISTOOK FOR A TRAMP.

There is no denying the fact that he looked seely. His hat was of the "shocking bad" order, the cut of his coat of an antique style, his general make-up of the modern tramp school. Trying to dodge a cart in crossing upper Broadway yesterday, a gentleman answering the above description blundered against a vehicle coming from the opposite direction and sneered his hand with tar grease oozing from one of the hubs. It is a good thing to have clean hands, although unusual cleanliness is no uncommon thing in this great, bad city. Walking into an adjacent hotel, the man of smeared hand proceeded to wash himself in one of the marble basins for lavatory use.

"Can't you read?" asked a stylish young man with a cutaway coat, richly particularized scarf and a glittering diamond scarf pin.

"I can," answered the stranger, as he vigorously rubbed the ball of soap over his smeared hand. "Why do you ask?"

"Because there is a printed notice over your head you should read and heed."

"Ah! I see," was the stranger's cool rejoinder, raising his eyes and reading the notice: "For exclusive use of guests," and then he continued in the same cool tone: "I had not observed the notice before. It is not an original idea, by any means. I have seen it frequently in hotels, but it is intensely stupid, has no meaning in it. One of the rules of the house, is it? What nonsense! What constitutes a hotel guest?"

"I don't want any of your conundrums, old fellow," indignantly interrupted the young man, his flashing diamond paled by the fiery flashing of his eyes. "You are not a guest of the hotel, so get out of here!"

"Who are you that you should talk to me in that way?" asked the stranger in the same tone of imperturbable calmness and scanning his interlocutor with a keenly scrutinizing gaze as he began to wipe his hands on the immaculate towel suspended from a roller.

"I belong to the hotel. I am the clerk," quickly answered the young man, with that professional air of colossal importance and supreme contempt for ordinary mortals which is expected will be followed by an immediate paralyzing effect.

"Then I don't mind," said the stranger. "I am not as frightened as I might have been. I thought surely the hotel belonged to you instead of you belonging to the hotel."

"I don't want any more words; you get out of here quick."

"Young man," and the words were uttered in a slow, deliberate tone, "I want to give you some advice; it's very old and trite, but it is very good for a fast young man like you. 'Think before you speak,' 'Never judge from appearances.' Impress these aphorisms on your feeble brain. The fact is—"

"But I tell you again, get out of here," fairly screamed the young man in his increasing rage, "or I will call a policeman."

"I won't get out of here, and no policeman will put me out, either. You insultingly called my attention to that printed notice: 'For exclusive use of the guests.' Now understand clearly, the moment a stranger steps over the threshold of a hotel he is the guest of that hotel and entitled to its privileges and comforts. For all the privileges and comforts he chooses to avail himself of he can be charged. There is no law restricting him in the freedom of his choice, and neither is there any law compelling him to stay longer than he wishes. I desire to avail myself of no further privileges at this hotel, and I propose to leave at once. Now I want to see the proprietor and pay my bill."

"There is nothing to pay, and if there was you probably haven't a dime about your clothes. There's the door."

"My young friend, I see that avenue of egress, and I propose to utilize it in my own good time, but I see you will not take advice. I've only one more word with you," taking the young man by the collar, who paled and quivered under his wrathful grasp and menacing eye. "I have only just arrived in this city, but if I meet any more like you I shall do two things—enlarge the boundaries of my private burying ground and found an asylum so long needed in this country for that large class of imbecile damned fools—hotel clerks."

"I have used your wash basin, soap and towel," said the stranger to the proprietor, whom he found in the office, "and I want to pay my bill."

"There is nothing to pay," politely answered the proprietor.

"But I insist upon it," taking out a large roll of bills and extracting a \$10 note and laying it on the counter. "If this is more than the bill would be, use the balance in trying to germinate brains and develop good manners in your hotel clerk."

"But, sir—"

The stranger disappeared. Later on in the evening the gentleman—a prominent lawyer and ex-judge of one of the higher courts—recited the above story to a party of gentlemen dining with him at Delmonico's. He had just come from the mines of California, having gone there in a spirit of adventure and to improve his health, and he retained his mining garb until after his arrival to astound his friends and amuse himself over their puzzling failures to recognize him. It is hardly necessary to add that the idea of an asylum for hotel clerks was received as one of the brightest indications of the progressively philanthropic spirit of the age.—N. Y. Herald.

At the Unitarian club Mr. Shippen told a story recently related to him by a Princeton professor, who had just come from an evangelical gathering. A German guest, who was called upon to address the body, did not sufficiently distinguish between the accepted uses of the words "bare" and "barren," and said: "It gives me great pleasure to address these venerable and barren heads."—Christian Register.

Special Notice.

A great many new names have been added to our list in the past two months, and to still further increase our list we have the following to offer: We will send a copy of the PALMER JOURNAL for one year, free, to any person (or to any address they may desire) who shall send us the names of three new subscribers, with \$5.25, before March 1st. With very little effort you can add, and secure your local paper free for one year, or have it sent to some friend. Will you not send us the names?

HOLYOKE'S reception to Gov. Robinson last Friday evening, under the auspices of the Arlington Club, was one of the most brilliant social successes that has ever occurred in the Connecticut valley.

EVEN the innocent orange may prove a dangerous foe. A woman at Cold Springs, L. I., died a few days ago from the worst form of blood poisoning, induced by the scratch of a knife while peeling oranges.

EX-GOV. MOSES of South Carolina was sentenced to the house of correction for six months, Tuesday, at Cambridge, for swindling Col. T. W. Higginson out of \$34. The way of the transgressor is hard, even though he may have been a governor.

THE Niagara Park commissioners have made their report to the New York Legislature. The aggregate of claims presented reached \$4,000,000, but their awards amount to only a third of that sum. It is thought that the Legislature will appropriate the money this winter necessary to make a state park of the land about Niagara Falls.

THE House at Washington on Monday defeated the bill to place Gen. Grant on the retired list of the army, the vote standing 158 yeas to 103 nays—less than the necessary two-thirds. In thus refusing a simple act of justice and gratitude the House has stultified itself unnecessarily, and its action will be regarded with displeasure by every patriotic American.

THE formal dedication of the Washington monument will take place at Washington to-morrow, with appropriate ceremonies. The monument was first proposed in 1783, and was begun in 1848; but though long in building it is now complete, and is a noble tribute to the memory of him who was "first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

SENATOR HOAR and Congressman Long did a creditable thing the other day in refusing to attend the dinner of the Harvard club at Washington. The club felt too exclusive to admit a couple of colored graduates of Harvard, and like true sons of New England Messrs. Hoar and Long refused such a narrow exhibition of race prejudice, and gave it a fitting rebuke.

IF repeaters throughout the country could be punished after the San Francisco fashion their vocation would soon lose its charm. A voter there who was not satisfied with casting one ballot in the last presidential election was given the full penalty of the law—three years' imprisonment and \$500 fine. The jury accompanied their verdict of guilty with a recommendation of mercy, but the judge's moral sense was better than that of the jury.

MUSICAL science in this country has suffered a great loss in the death of Dr. Leopold Damrosch, which occurred at New York last Sunday. He came to America in 1872 and gained prominence at once by organizing the New York Oratorio Society. He had a rare faculty for directing a chorus, and had achieved lasting fame by his great success in organizing and conducting the season of German opera in New York this winter.

THE Illinois Legislature meets in joint session today for the election of a United States Senator, the speaker of the House casts the only vote, and the convention then adjourns. This has been the story for some days, but on Wednesday the members made out to ballot. There were 202 present, and two absent, one from each party. John A. Logan had 101 votes, W. R. Morrison 94, E. M. Haines 5, scattering 3. Three ballots were taken yesterday without any material change, and the probabilities are that neither Logan nor Morrison can be elected.

THE 4th of March is close upon us, but the cabinet makers are about as much at sea as they were three months ago. Mr. Cleveland keeps his own counsel well, and it looks as though nobody would know who are to be his official advisers until he is pleased to announce them after his inauguration. The latest guess-work disposes of the two leading departments by making Senator Bayard secretary of state and Daniel Manning of Albany, secretary of the treasury.

A Tribune correspondent claims that this is authentic. Mr. Manning is known chiefly as an efficient Democratic boss, who would be likely to make the treasury department a good political machine, but it is reported that Mr. Cleveland insists upon his taking the place in order that he may have one intimate acquaintance in the cabinet. Among the "knowing ones" the other positions are filled as follows: Secretary of War, William F. Vials; Secretary of the Interior, John Quincy Adams; secretary of the Interior, Allan G. Thurman; postmaster-general, L. Q. C. Lamar; attorney-general, A. B. Garland.

WHEN Charles Francis Adams, Jr., in the summer of 1883 made his notable attack upon the study of ancient languages, it was hardly imagined that the fruit would so soon be seen in a marked modification of the requirements for admission to our leading college. On Tuesday, however, the faculty of Harvard College, by a vote of 30 to 2, adopted a complete revision of the system of examination, which elevates the principal modern tongues to a level with the ancient. A student seeking admission to the college must have studied at least one dead language, must have some practical knowledge of science, and know something of English, French and German, though with an option between the last two.

THE great change, and its importance, is evident when it is realized that now, for the first time, a student may obtain from Harvard the degree of A. B. without ever having looked in a Greek book. A step of this importance can hardly fail to be followed by others in the near future, leading the college still further from the classical toward a practical education.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS.

From our Special Correspondent.

Boston, Feb. 18th, 1885.

Much interest is shown in the matter of a metropolitan police for Boston. Committee hearings are crowded, and the case is not far through. No opportunity has yet been given to the remonstrants to present their case. Briefly put, the question is this: "Is the city of Boston so far unable to suppress its own liquor sellers, that the good of the public demands that the state shall come in with its strong arm and compel the city to accept a police commission appointed by the governor?" No trouble is found in proving that there is a shameful amount of liquor selling and drinking in Boston. It is not difficult to persuade the committee that something should be done. But much more is involved than the mere suppression of the liquor trade. What becomes of the state steps in and takes to itself the control of so distinctly local a matter as the police regulations? We have been taught all our lives that the town democracies were the salvation of our political system, and that it is the New England idea which has really shaped the life of the nation. I know it is said that police powers inhere in the state, but it looks here as if that theory were a convenient excuse, seized upon to support what would be urged anyway. It would be one of the singular occurrences of history of the much-praised system of local self-government, to which we credit so much of our progress, should be assailed by those who would be looked upon as its natural defenders. The developments before this committee raise the question whether, with our theory of popular government, we can stop anywhere short of a general assertion of majority power in all matters.

On Tuesday the woman suffragists had their day. They packed the green room and they filled all the time allotted to them. Dr. Henry B. Blackwell and his wife were there, of course, to conduct the hearing, and they were aided by Dr. James Freeman Clarke, Mrs. Ednah D. Cheney and others. So far as I can learn there is no more reason to suppose they will be successful this year than there have been in recent years. No new arguments are advanced, nor does it appear that any material number of new converts is made. No doubt there will be a protracted debate, for Mr. Coffin of Boston, who was an urgent pleader for the women last year, is here again. I am reminded of a sensational peroration in the woman suffrage debate three or four years ago. The speaker was one of the modest members from the western part of the state. He had not spoken before during the session, and he did not speak afterward. This was the sole effort of his concentrated genius. He put his soul into it and waxed eloquent. He closed with shouting at the top of his voice: "Mr. Speaker, if I supposed I had in my veins a single drop of blood so false to the welfare of humanity, I would hie me to a phlebotomist and cry: 'Ply the lance! Ply the lance!' He brought down the house and took his seat covered with applause and perspiration. Well, here is father Eggleston of Westfield, who was here last year and is here again now. He was made an eternal convert to woman suffrage by his school teacher when he was a little fellow many years ago. She patted his head and spoke kindly to him, and out of honor to her memory he is a suffragist to-day. He made a telling speech here last year and drew a touching picture, while tears stood in his eyes. It certainly shows what influence a school teacher may have long after she is gone.

A vote of 116 to 68 has been given in the House in favor of biennial elections of state officers and members of the Legislature. Unless some votes can be changed before next Tuesday, to which date the debate has been postponed, the resolve will be defeated. Only a majority vote is required to order it to a third reading, but a two-thirds vote is necessary to pass it to be engrossed. It would not have been strange if the resolve had passed this Legislature, for it has happened before that it would go through the first year and be defeated the second. Probably Mr. Beard's opposition has something to do with the prospective defeat of the resolve. He made one of the best speeches that has ever been made in favor of annual elections, and I acknowledge that I do not see how he can be answered. The total argument in favor of biennials comes down to a matter of less expense and less excitement, and that is something which can be estimated approximately, but the advantages and safeguards in a frequent recurrence to our political principles and in a general popular interest is something which has more than a money value. It does not appear that there is much popular interest in biennials, notwithstanding its full presentation in the newspapers.

Mr. Cross's investigation of the expenditures of the sergeant-at-arms is suspended for the present, and it is not certain that it will ever amount to anything. Mr. Cross was not sufficiently prepared to meet Mr. Beard (who was loaded to the muzzle with figures) and consequently came off second best. He had not discriminated as to what was covered by his own order, and when held to the point by Mr. Beard—that it would not be common sense for the House to make an investigation unless some charges were made which were apparently worth considering—he could not present such charges. The order lies on the table in the House where it can be taken up at any time as soon as Mr. Cross is ready to go on, or it can be left there and allowed to die a natural death.

Some things are coming out in the assessment insurance hearings which must weaken public confidence in the assessment system. One company is found to have consolidated with another and to have death claims unpaid which fell due last May, although the company advertises to pay all such claims within 60 days. It had also violated its charter by making a \$5000 payment to a Grand Army post—which it afterward compromised for \$5000. Commissioner Tarbox and Attorney General Sherman find that they have been insured through their knowledge—somebody's speculation.

This afternoon the Senate has voted strongly in favor of the bill to suppress Chinese "opium joints," where opium is smoked. The House has voted largely in favor of the Senate bill to incorporate the new town of Mills from East Medford, and has rejected the bill to make voting compulsory under penalty of from \$5 to \$20 fine.

LOCAL NOTICES.

For Sale—One of the most desirable building lots in Palmer. Those meaning business call on W. R. Milligan.

Jeweler Barton, being obliged to vacate the store he at present occupies, in 30 days, has decided, during that time, to offer his entire stock of watches, clocks, jewelry, silverware, etc., regardless of manufacturers' prices. A saving of 20 per cent is guaranteed on all purchases during this sale.

W. R. Milligan will soon vacate the store he now occupies, and will begin at once a moving out sale of boots, shoes and rubbers. During this sale an opportunity never before offered will be given the public to buy boots, shoes, rubbers and slippers regardless of their cost or value. This sale means ladies' slippers 12c, or two pairs for 25c; men's rubber boots \$2.25; men's Arctics \$1.20; men's rubbers 50c; ladies' rubbers 35c, and my entire stock in the shoe department. No goods will be added to my stock during this sale, as the object will be to greatly decrease its present size. A word to the wise should be sufficient as regards taking advantage of this moving out sale, which will end in 30 days.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

Fine winter weather. Lent began Wednesday. Washington's birthday next Sunday. The splendid sleighing still continues. We are indebted to some unknown friend for copies of New Orleans daily papers.

The last of the series of dancing schools was given Tuesday evening at Wales Hall. E. S. Bugbee of Woodstock, Ct., will preach at the Advent Chapel next Sunday. Another party of Monson school children had a sleigh-ride to this place last Saturday.

The advertisement of Miss McDermott, a teacher of art, will be found in another column.

Rev. E. A. Perry has been engaged to give the Memorial Day address at Upton next May.

J. B. Leedham, a former well-known jeweler of Palmer, has been in town the past week.

The owl which was captured last week did not thrive well after being confined in the depot, and has died.

It is rumored that a certain young professional man in this village is soon to take to himself a life partner.

An addition of eighteen children from Tewksbury was received at the state primary school on Wednesday.

The drama "Allatona" is in rehearsal, and will be presented in a few weeks for the benefit of the Grand Army post.

T. J. Sullivan, the sewing machine agent, had a robe stolen from his sleigh while standing on Main street last Saturday night.

The fellow who paid Officer Morey a compliment by looking him in the cooler last week has not yet been apprehended.

A party from Holyoke made Superintendent Andrews of the state primary school, a visit on Wednesday, that being his birthday.

The wife of Dr. A. C. Downing formerly of Palmer, has been quite dangerously sick for several weeks, but is now convalescing.

A party of young people from this village took a sleigh-ride to the office party and social at North Wilbraham Tuesday evening.

A new wood working and wheelwright shop has been opened in G. O. Henry's blacksmith shop on Central street. M. A. Coughlin is the proprietor.

The registrars of voters were at the district court room from 2 until 4 yesterday and this afternoon for the purpose of adding names to the voters' list.

The selectmen give notice that all bills due the town must be paid before March 2d, and request that all orders on the town be presented before that date.

Fosket & Holbrook have moved their grain business from McGilvray's block on South Main street, and now occupy their new block near Commercial street.

Yesterday was a snapping cold day, the thermometer averaging about 15° below zero in the morning, though one man said that his had got down to 20° below.

Patrons of the library who find that many of the books they wish to read are not in, are informed that a large number of books have been sent away to be re-bound.

Next Monday will be a legal holiday, and the banks will be closed. Persons having notes due that day should bear this in mind, and attend to them to-morrow.

John A. White, a former member of the firm of White, Hellyar & Co. of this place, was married at Southbridge last week to Miss Florence E. Herron of that town.

Invitations have been issued for a grand ball at Wales Hall next Friday evening. Some 400 have been sent out, and it is intended to make the party a very select one.

Presiding Elder Fellows will hold a quarterly meeting at the M. E. church at Palmer Four Corners March 1st at 1.30 p. m. All parties interested are invited to be present.

The government advertises for bids for carrying the mails between the depot and the post office, for the space of one year. Specifications, etc., can be had at the post office.

A large sleigh-ride party of about 40 couples from Monson, passed through Palmer Tuesday afternoon, on their way to Three Rivers, Bondsville, Thorndike and return.

In a recent item regarding the S. R. Lawrence family monument the cost was erroneously stated as \$2000. The monument cost \$1100, and the fence, etc., about \$300.

The series of singing schools is now half finished, and those who subscribed for the support of the school and have not yet paid their subscriptions, are requested to do so at once.

Michael Dawson was somewhat hurt Tuesday afternoon by a barrel of gasoline falling upon his leg, laying him up for a couple of days. No bones were broken, and he is around again.

Rev. Mr. Perry will preach next Sunday evening on the hard saying: "He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world, shall keep it unto life eternal." John 12:25.

"Our young man about town" has been so busy this week that he has not had time to get out on the street a great deal and see what was going on, but he will try and have something to say next week.

The children at the State Primary school were given a sleigh-ride last Friday afternoon, and all enjoyed the treat immensely. It takes but little to give these children a half-day of pleasure which they remember always.

At the district court Tuesday Frank Webster of Nashua, N. H., was assessed \$5.73 for drunkenness, and for lack of funds was sent up. Charles Lapold of Wales was also charged \$16.75 for assault and battery, which he paid.

Why don't some of the Palmer merchants follow the example of the Boston dealers and get up special sales? They could thus make business lively, and keep a good share of the money at home which otherwise would go out of town.

An employe at the New London Northern rail shop who had burned his hand the other day, wrapped it in cotton waste soaked with kerosene, to take out the soreness. Wishing to light his pipe he struck a match, and had his whole hand ablaze in an instant.

There was good skating in numerous places on the river last Saturday, while from the wire mill to Three Rivers there was an unbroken course, and lots of the boys and girls, as well as some of the older ones, were out on the steel runners.

In another column the JOURNAL advertises for a few back numbers wherewith to complete its files. If you have any old JOURNALS lying around, see if you cannot find at least one of the numbers wanted. They are of little or no value to you, while a high price will be paid for them at this office.

The last farmers' institute of the season will be held at the Weeks House next Tuesday. Subject in the forenoon: "How to improve pasture lands," which it is expected will be opened by A. P. Slade of Somerset, a member of the state board of agriculture. In the afternoon the discussion will be upon "How to raise fruit."

A large party was at the rink Wednesday evening, by far the largest which has attended for some time, many coming from the neighboring villages. The Walker Brothers gave a fairly good exhibition of tumbling, both on and off the rollers. Next Wednesday evening there will be an exhibition game of polo between the two teams.

A citizen who is something of a joker nearly sold a couple of fellows in one of the stores in town one day this week. He pretended to be deaf and dumb, made motions with his hands and gave his orders in writing, then after the fellows had made several audible remarks about his being too bad for a man to be so afflicted, etc., asked the proprietor to have the things sent up to his house. The faces of those who were sold were a study.

Enough tickets have been engaged for the lecture course under the auspices of the Congregational society to pay for the entertainments, and the managers have decided to go ahead with the course, and run the risk of selling enough more to pay hall and incidental expenses. The first in the course comes next Wednesday evening, a lecture, "Travels in the East," by Rev. Alexander McKenzie of Cambridge. The plan of the hall will be ready at the post office next Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock.

Monday afternoon was a decidedly disagreeable one to be out of doors, the wind causing the sleet which was falling to cut the face like a knife. Toward night a rain set in, but the atmosphere grew colder before morning, and Tuesday the ground was covered with ice. Pedestrians found it rough walking on account of the slush having been tracked up so much the night before, while several telephone wires were broken down. But the railroads had the worst of it, the trains being delayed from all points. The storm was about as near a blizzard as we often get in these parts.

On Tuesday F. D. Barton and W. R. Milligan, occupying the second store from Walnut street in the Converse House block, were notified that the room was wanted in thirty days, and they will be obliged to vacate in that time. It is understood that the room will be refitted and used as an office for the hotel, which underwent a thorough renovation last fall, after the Mansard roof was put on. This certainly looks as if the building was to be occupied for hotel purposes the coming season. Neither Mr. Milligan nor Mr. Barton knows exactly what he will do yet, but both will remain in town.

As the time for the annual town meeting approaches and the license question will be again brought before the voters, it may be interesting to know how the ballot has stood for the past five years. In 1880 the vote was 230 in favor of license to 161 against, and the next year it stood 253 to 160, the same way. In 1882 the no-license element was very nearly successful, casting 206 votes, and only lacking five of carrying the day; they were successful, however, in 1883, by a vote of 322 to 180, but lost again last year, the figures being 347 to 181. It is sincerely to be hoped that the vote will again be changed next month, and that another year of no-license rule will follow.

Quite a gang of hen thieves has been unearthed this week, and their operations proved to have been quite extensive, covering a period from some time last fall up to Tuesday of this week. Monday night three farmers in Brimfield lost an aggregate of 53 fowls, and tracked the thieves to a house a little over the line into Monson, just beyond Smith's shoddy mill. A search was procured, and Officer Northrop served it Tuesday night. The fowls were found under the bed, neatly dressed, and the bed was warm, indicating that it had just been vacated, but no one could be found. After a search of an hour and a half Frederick Ramrill and Henry Leno were found on a scaffolding in the garret, one with only his shirt and pants on, and the other with only his shirt. They had their trial Wednesday, and the case was continued until next Monday.

John A. Wright of New Haven, Ct., is soon to occupy the McCormick store with a stock of groceries.

Weston Dickinson died of pneumonia on Tuesday after an illness of only two days. The funeral occurred yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The correspondent who sent in a Thorndike item by mail this morning should bear in mind that items cannot be inserted unless the name of the writer is known.

Belchertown. L. D. Fosket has a hen which recently brought off a brood of fifteen chickens of the Lanshan fowl.

Belchertown people are compelled to pay considerably more per ton for coal than Amherst people, and would like to know the reason why.

At the G. A. R. social this evening Mrs. Tanner of Holyoke will give humorous readings, and Rev. P. W. Lyman will give a talk on "Lee's first invasion of Maryland," and his defeat at Antietam.

WEST BRIMFIELD. Miss Jennie Powers has returned from a visit to friends in West Brimfield.

"George" wants to meet "Sadie" and make arrangements about housekeeping. "Willie" is troubled with "telegrapher's colic," but is not confined to the house. There will be preaching at the chapel next Sunday at 1.30 p. m., by Rev. Mr. Grove.

Miss M. J. Curley is at home from Worcester for a few days, on account of the sickness of her mother.

was very nearly killed. Rev. Mr. Hunt read the scriptures, Rev. Mr. Perry offered prayer, and Rev. Mr. Hunter presided. After the devotional exercises Mr. Knox, principal of the high school, addressed the audience. He declared that intemperance was a national vice, claiming that it was a part of our inheritance as a race, was entrenched in national law, and under its protection. The remedy adequate to the danger was the enactment of a national law against the manufacture and sale of ardent spirits.

Justice Robinson followed and spoke of the fact that intemperance is the foe of the church and its progress and growth. Hence the church should work for temperance. Each can do something for the cause. Turning to the point made by the preceding speaker he said that if we are to have our national law right, the individual citizen must be right and town and states one by one will wheel into line. Because of this our work must be with individuals. We can do much to put them right or wheel them into the wrong. Hence we need to look to our own action.

THE OLD FOLKS' CONCERT. The old folks' concert, under the auspices of the Universalist society, and directed by Wilbur F. Miller, will be given at Wales Hall this evening, assisted by a male quartette from Springfield, and solo singers from this place. The chorists numbers about forty, and some very unique costumes have been prepared. The following is the programme to be presented:

- PART I.
1. Chorus—Keller's American Hymn.
2. Male Quartette.
3. Song—(a) New Jerusalem, Miss Nelson.
4. Chorus—(a) New Jerusalem, Miss Nelson.
5. Song—(a) New Jerusalem, Miss Miller.
6. Chorus—(a) New Jerusalem, Miss Miller.
7. Trio, Mrs. French, Messrs. Hill and Ramsey.
8. Chorus—(a) New Jerusalem, Miss Ramsey.
9. Song—(a) New Jerusalem, Miss Ramsey.
10. Chorus—Jerusalem.

- PART II.
1. Chorus—Strike the Chorus.
2. Diet.—Messrs. Hill and Ramsey.
3. Chorus—(a) Russia, Miss French.
4. Song—(a) Russia, Mrs. French.
5. Male Quartette.
6. Yankee Return from Camp, Miss French.
7. Song—(a) Yankee Return from Camp, Miss French.
8. Quartette.
9. Song and Chorus—Old Folks at Home.
10. Solo—Lang Syne.

Since the programme was made out Mrs. French has been seriously ill, and her parts will be taken by Miss Hines of Worcester and Miss Nelson of Palmer.

THE FELLOWSHIP MEETING. Notwithstanding the stormy weather, there was a large attendance at the fellowship meeting in the Congregational church Wednesday morning, the pastors of all the group of churches being present beside many delegates, there being an exceedingly large number from the South church of Springfield. The morning session was especially interesting and profitable. The discussion on "Sanctification" was opened by Rev. C. L. Ayer of Three Rivers, who spoke of the difficulties of sanctification. He was followed by Rev. E. H. Byington of Monson, who insisted on the human as well as the divine part of the work, and named as helps to securing sanctification, the study of the Word and communion in prayer. He said he was now reading the gospels for probably the hundredth time, and found new thoughts in every chapter. He was followed by several others.

At noon a collation was served in the vestry of the church, and a pleasant social time was enjoyed.

In the afternoon Rev. Dr. Buckingham of Springfield opened the question "What does the church owe to young converts?" He thought the church owed them a high ideal of Christian character, and should constantly keep before them the truth that there is always more beyond, as well as an exhibition of the Christian virtues in faithful living. It also owes them the advantages of faithful home training, and better than all, the influence of a family altar. Rev. E. H. Byington thought it owed them a cordial reception, and Rev. C. L. Ayer considered that confidence and patience should be included in the list. Interesting remarks were also made by others present.

NORTH WILBRAHAM. A party of coasters were recently upset on the hill by some one placing a railroad tie in the road. Fortunately no one was hurt.

The coffee party given by the young people of St. Thomas' parish was postponed until Tuesday evening, and was quite well attended. All enjoyed a good time.

BONDVILLE. About 35 from this village attended the skating rink at Palmer Wednesday evening. The winter term of the schools in this village closed this week for a four weeks' vacation. The same corps of teachers is expected back next term.

Between Tuesday and Wednesday noon there were four runaways on Main street. How is that for a record? Besides a general spilling of passengers no great damage was done.

THORNDIKE. John A. Wright of New Haven, Ct., is soon to occupy the McCormick store with a stock of groceries.

Weston Dickinson died of pneumonia on Tuesday after an illness of only two days. The funeral occurred yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The correspondent who sent in a Thorndike item by mail this morning should bear in mind that items cannot be inserted unless the name of the writer is known.

BELCHERTOWN. L. D. Fosket has a hen which recently brought off a brood of fifteen chickens of the Lanshan fowl.

Belchertown people are compelled to pay considerably more per ton for coal than Amherst people, and would like to know the reason why.

At the G. A. R. social this evening Mrs. Tanner of Holyoke will give humorous readings, and Rev. P. W. Lyman will give a talk on "Lee's first invasion of Maryland," and his defeat at Antietam.

WEST BRIMFIELD. Miss Jennie Powers has returned from a visit to friends in West Brimfield.

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LUDBLOW. The money drawer in the store of D. N. Beckwith was robbed last Friday while Mr. Beckwith was sorting the mail. A 11-year-old boy named John Maloy was suspected, and when charged with the theft, admitted the fact. Justice Grosvenor continued his case until next Monday.

The living soldiers and sailors of the late war met Monday evening to provide for the observation of Memorial Day, and to form a permanent organization, though on account of the weather but few were present, and the latter business was postponed until next Monday evening. F. A. Gallup was appointed to draft a petition asking for a town appropriation for Memorial Day.

EAST LONGMEADOW. It is rumored that a new grocery store and meat market will be opened here in the spring.

The young people of the Congregational society will present the drama "Down by the Sea" next Wednesday evening in the town hall.

Owing to the severe cold Norcross Bros. have suspended work at their quarries, and it will probably not be resumed until about March 1st.

Rev. Mr. Copeland supplied Rev. Mr. Dutton's pulpit Sunday morning, and union services were held in the Congregational church in the evening.

Dea. R. A. Crane, just returned from an extensive southern trip, gave an interesting talk on "Sketches on Southern Travel" before the Lyceum Tuesday evening.

E. L. R. Endicott, teacher of the high school, was pleasantly surprised by his pupils at his home Wednesday evening, and presented with a fine writing desk.

William Dickinson has sold his house and lot to John Burke for about \$1000, and has bought a lot of Edmund Pratt, near the Church, and is making preparations to erect a house thereon.

BRIMFIELD. A party of 65 from the academy at Monson took supper at the hotel last Friday evening.

The social event of the week was the marriage on Wednesday of James E. Marsh, D. D., of Maynard, Mass., to Caroline Maria, youngest daughter of James T. and Kate W. Brown. The wedding was at their residence, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. Joseph Kite, assisted by Rev. Joseph Hawks of Cambridge. The guests were relatives and friends in town, also W. H. Wilkinson and family of Holyoke, George and Frederick Richards and families, George Marsh and lady of Springfield, Dr. J. H. Waterman and family of Westfield, Frederick W. Blackmer and wife of Worcester, Wm. Thompson, wife and daughter of West Brimfield, Marshall West of Port Chester, N. J., Rev. Joseph Hawks and wife of Cambridge, Frank H. Brown and wife of Rockville, Ct., and Mrs. Alonzo Marsh and daughter of Boston. The presents were numerous, of great variety, and valuable and well adapted for the purpose designed. The newly wedded pair left for their future home about 5 1/2 p. m., with the best wishes of all.

WILBRAHAM. The schools close this week. It is rumored that C. M. Pease of Springfield will soon move to town. F. E. Clark now has his singing school at East Longmeadow two evenings a week. Rev. Dr. Steele lectured at the Methodist church Tuesday evening on "Ten Days in Rome."

The Wesleyan university glee club gives a concert in Fisk Hall this evening under the auspices of "Philo."

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pease of West street entertained the young people's dramatic club of the Congregational church on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Green were made a surprise visit Tuesday evening by a party of about 70, who had an oyster supper, with music, singing, etc.

In the death of William H. Twigg, which occurred last Saturday morning, Wilbraham loses one of her most respected citizens. He was a native of this place, and both his father and grandfather served in the revolutionary war. A kind and generous neighbor, always ready to lend a helping hand to any one in trouble, upright and square in all his dealings, he will be long remembered by all with whom he came in contact. He leaves a widow and three children.

MONSON. The rink at Central Hall will be open to-morrow afternoon and evening.

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My Child.

I cannot make him dead!
His fair sunny head
Is ever bounding round my study chair;
Yet, when my eyes, now dim
With tears, I turn to him,
The vision vanishes—he is not there!

I walk my parlor floor,
And through the open door,
I hear a footfall on the chamber stair;
I'm stepping toward the hall
To give the boy a call;
And then he thinks me that—he is not there!

I thread the crowded streets;
A satchel held I meet,
With the same beaming eyes and colored hair;
And, as he's running by,
Follow him with my eye,
And scarcely believing that—he is not there!

I know his face is hid
Under the collar lid;
Closed are his eyes; and his forehead fair;
My hand that marble felt;
Over it in prayer I kneel;
Yet no heart whispers—he is not there!

I cannot make him dead!
When passing by the bed
So long watched over with parental care,
My spirit and my eye
Seek him inquiringly
Before the thought comes that—he is not there!

When at the cool, grey break
Of day from sleep I wake,
With my first breathing of the morning air
My soul goes up with joy
To him who gave my day;
Then comes the sad thought that—he is not there!

When at the day's calm close,
Before we seek repose,
I'm with his mother offering up my prayer,
What'er I may be saying,
I am in spirit praying
For our boy's spirit, though he is not there!

Not there! Where, then, is he?
The form I used to see,
Was but the raiment he used to wear;
The grave, that now doth press
Upon that cast-off dress,
Is but his wardrobe locked—he is not there!

He lives! In all the past
He lives; not to the last
Of seeing him again with I despair;
In dreams I see him now,
And, on his angel bow,
I see it written "Thou shalt see him there!"

Yes, we all live to God!
Father, thy chastening rod
So helps us, thou afflicted ones, to bear,
That in the spiritland,
Meeting on thy right hand,
'Twill be our heaven to find that—he is there!

—Rev. John Pierpont.

IN SPITE OF HIM.

There never was a more popular young physician than Dr. Tredecar. His manners were the perfection of the sympathetic, his tact and his judgment were only equalled by his devotion and skill, his personal magnetism was immense, and the cures he wrought were marvelous.

Fresh from the hospitals, as he was, as eager in the pursuit of his science, many old families welcomed him as likely as to have a newer knowledge than the ageing physician who had carried them through their lifetime; and young families just getting up for themselves chose him as likely to go along the road with themselves to the end. The event certainly justified their choice; and reports of the young doctor's ability went through the country side, and even extended to the next large city, so that not infrequently he was called in consultation with physicians of longer and wider reputation than his own. His diagnosis of a case was so swift and sure that people used to say that Dr. Tredecar could tell what ailed you by looking at you; and many a good woman averred that she was more benefitted by his touch upon the pulse than by another doctor's prescription. Very possibly she was, for Dr. Tredecar gave very little medicine; the case was extreme in which he sent much custom to the drug-gist. He carried about with him in his gig certain medicaments that he was wont to administer, apparently potent, and made up under his own formula. From a peculiar liquid in a phial he measured one drop; if by any accident a portion of another drop left the phial, the glass had to be rinsed and the single drop tried again; by this drop a glass of sweetened water being added, the patient was allowed a teaspoonful of the result once in six hours, if waking. It was generally understood that this liquid was something of Dr. Tredecar's own importation, difficult to obtain, and enormous in cost; and the gratitude his patients felt for the kindness of his thus procuring and keeping on hand what they could hardly have procured for themselves, was something that excited only by the rapidity with which they picked up health and strength under its effect. Another of the remarkable things he was found of administering was a tiny pill that he always had about, and that he left in small numbers to be taken at morning and night, under certain other directions, always ordaining that if the patient felt too much braced on the second day, with ringing ears or crowded sensations in the head, or a pain in the left thumb, the number was to be lessened, the pills, however, to be taken three days, and then omitted for three days, until cure was effected. If these and the liquid did no good, in such cases as he prescribed them, then he seemed to take another view of the case, to devote himself to it with personal assiduity and earnestness, and to endeavor to bring the patient up as if on the strong wings of all his powers and learning.

The fact was that Dr. Tredecar believed in nature. He knew that in certain malignant phases of disease the physician and strong drugs and heroic measures were as necessary as the air we breathe; but he believed that many whimsical, hypochondriacal, feeble-minded, weary and worn-out patients were to be helped by purely hygienic treatment, by proper diet and other aids to health, and should not have one organ or another interfered with by the strong poison of drugs; and in every such instance he gave his priceless liquid and little dark pills, and let nature and the tonic effect of hope and faith do the reviving work. And of

course he had many such patients, as many such people abound; and the cures were so satisfactory that his fame spread in wide and wider circles, people who had been hurt and not helped by drugs leaving other physicians for his advice. And he gave the advice, and his little dark pills, too; and with some individuals relief came quickly, and with others, where the system had been still further upset by strong medicines, not so quickly. If he had at any time doubts as to the empiricism of this treatment, he excused himself by stating the weakness of human nature, and by remembering that as cure was what was wanted, he was the one to decide how to effect the cure.

But as Dr. Tredecar's practice increased he had not the time for dividing slices of brown bread into infinitesimal bits that he once had, and frequently called away, he would leave the task to pretty Dorothy Merle to finish, and she would divide and re-divide the tiny segments, and roll them between two fruit knives, and set them in the sun to dry, and have all his boxes filled with fresh supplies of the little dark pills when he came home. Dolly did that not more faithfully than she did everything else, though; she was housekeeper and maid-of-all-work and general overseer for the young doctor, and she knew very well how to take care of him, and of herself, too.

She was a pretty thing, this young Dorothy Merle; not very tall and rather slender, with dark brown hair falling off the low white brow in natural waves, with brilliant hazel brown eyes and small, fine features, among which was a mouth whose lips parted over teeth like seed pearl. She seldom smiled; she was a grave little body, intent in her beauty, a farmer's daughter, brought up to a lady, too, with a good common school education and simple manners. Often when the doctor returned from his visits he left his study and went out into her little sitting-room, where the fire was bright and the hearth was clean, and sat down there to have a glass of milk and a bit of gingerbread, and to speak first of some household matter, and then of some outdoor matter, and afterward of some patient; and presently he found himself discussing his most perplexing case with her, and deriving more or less benefit from her disinterested common sense. Somehow this brief rest in the little sitting-room became to him very pleasant, and learning more every day, Dolly loved to listen. Often, when her cheek flushed and her brown eyes lighted up with interest, the doctor would say to himself: "By Jove! what a pretty creature is it! Why wasn't she born in some other station of life?" And again, when out in a cold and stormy night, he would find himself hurrying the horse, and picturing the pleasure of a seat by the fire opposite Dorothy. And then again he was saying: "Confound the station of life! A perfect womanly plainly is a station in life herself."

And one night as he looked over at her sitting opposite, demurely darning on a table cloth there, he wondered why he should not cross over and sit beside her. Still he said nothing of all his thinking; he was not a swift man at speaking; his purpose formed slowly.

If only women could be patient! What had it been to pretty Dorothy—these evening hours, this familiar task, these friendly words, these long silences, illumined only by flashing glances? He never knew. One day he came home and found an angular splinter in pretty Dorothy's place. Miss Merle had engaged her, she said; and Dorothy was nowhere to be seen. It was no use then for everything to rush over Dr. Tredecar in a torrent of remembrances and thunderbolt of decision—remembrance of all her sweetness and sense, of all her charm and delight—decision of long fathering purpose. It was of no use for him to regret and imagine vain things; nobody knew anything of Dorothy, and search as he might, far and near, high and low, in all his acquaintance with the country side, neither he nor anybody else came across any trace of her.

Dr. Tredecar, for some reason or other, discarded his dark little pills now, but he plunged back into his business with a sort of madness. He tried to forget himself in killing or curing; he never looked at a woman except from a scientific point of view; he never spoke to his spinster if he could help it; he studied as if his life depended upon it; practice he had been on the point of surrendering to the new doctor he retained, and he rode far into the night to exacting people on out-laying farms, and was up early in the daybreak for his laboratory experiments and books; he forgot to eat, and he was unable to sleep.

Of course such devotion to work had its own reward in one way. Dr. Tredecar was becoming a comfortably rich man for a country practitioner, and was reaping a ripe harvest of fame, that was, however, as worthless to him as the breath of the idlest breeze.

And so one year followed another till twenty had slipped away, and the babies to whom he had given their first bolus had babies of their own; the fevers and consumptions and amputations and antiseptics filled up the measure of his days; and there seemed to Dr. Tredecar nothing worth living for; and worn with work, irregular food, unhealthy habits, sympathies, disgusts, fatigues, one morning Dr. Tredecar discovered that he was without appetite, without a hope or wish, looking on the world as a mass of disease, and saw, with hardly surprise or regret, that there was no health in him.

Dr. Tredecar had scarcely the energy left to set about curing himself; he really did not care. He took one little dose and another, and would not have taken them if his aged spinster had not set them by his plate. As he looked about his dull and desolate home he thought that this was the time when a man needed a wife and cheer, and cursed himself for not thinking of it twenty years ago. Dr. Fellows came to see him, and told him he must do so and so, and he did, and grew more listless and melancholy.

Then Dr. Harvey came, and said the next, and three the next. If the three create nausea, stop at two, and after a week try the three again. Then I think they will not trouble you.

"What are they made of?" he demanded bluntly. "Because if there is any ailment in them I won't take them. And podophyllin—"

"Never mind that. Do as I say. Come back in three months. There is no fee till you are cured. Good morning."

And the door was opened, and he was on the outside of it, never having been so ceremoniously treated in his life—he, a leading physician of the east, sought far and wide—and he was quite inclined to be angry.

However, Tredecar was not a man of halfway measures; having undertaken the thing, he decided to finish it. He went off on prairie farm that he heard of, and he obeyed his instructions to the letter. He was six months instead of three obeying them. But, at the end of that time, hale and hearty, ruddy and robust, without an ache or ill, he again sought the presence of his adviser.

"I have come," said he, "to thank you, to pay my fee, and to ask you for the formula of your wonderful medicine. I am a physician myself."

"Oh, I knew that, Dr. Tredecar," she said calmly, lifting off the half-handkerchief of gray and black lace that she wore about her waving and still brown hair.

"You knew that! How—"

"You taught me, sir, to make these pills yourself."

"I—"

"They are brown bread pills. I learned how to make them in your kitchen."

"Dorothy?" he cried.

"Dorothy Merle."

Truly! And where had his own eyes been! Dorothy Merle plumper, rosier, and almost as pretty as—well, perhaps prettier than ever. She had known him at a glance. And she had disguised her voice and walked with a cane and worn the half-handkerchief to mislead him.

"I thought," he said severely, "that you were Mrs. Taylor."

"No," she answered him, "I have never married; I assumed the name."

"You will assume another before this sun sets!" he cried. "Do you think I am going back to the east alone? How could you leave me on that cruel day?"

And Dr. Tredecar's wife still makes a few brown bread pills from every Sunday's loaf.—Harriet Prescott Spofford.

THE EXPLANATION.

"Murder!"

This cry in a well-known hotel in Detroit the other day, proceeding from a room on the third floor, caught the ears of several chambermaids, and created instant consternation.

"Oh, heavens!"

It was the voice of a man who shrieked the words from room No. 40, and the chambermaids at once sent a messenger to the office with the news that murder was being committed.

"Don't kill me by inches!"

These words alarmed others beside the chambermaids, and the group of three or four presently grew to a dozen. Who occupied the room? One of the chambermaids recollected seeing a beetle-browed man of general piratical look accompanied by a woman closely veiled enter No. 40. Was he killing her?

"Oh! oh! you are killing me!"

It was the voice of a man. The veiled woman had got him into her power, and seemed to be submitting him to some sort of torture. Several of the crowd knocked at the door at once, and one of the chambermaids demanded in a falsetto voice that he be opened at once. There was a ha! ha! ha! from the veiled woman, and the voice of the man cried out:

"What! do you mock at my misery?"

A clerk came from the office and demanded admittance in the name of the law, the Continental Congress and several other things, and after some little delay the door was opened and a woman stood in the opening and asked what was wanted.

"What's going on in there—who's being hurt?"

She laughed her ha! ha! ha! again, and it was echoed by the voice of the man behind her.

"What's all this about?" shouted the clerk.

"Why, sir," she demurely said, "I was only pulling a persons plaster off my husband's back."

Not much of a hero.—They were enjoying the river view by moonlight at West Point, and George, with his gray uniform, looked every inch a soldier. "George," she remarked, softly, "do you ever expect to become a great general, like Sherman, for instance?" George rather allowed that he did not expect to. "I have always admired Gen. Sherman," she went on quietly. "Yes," replied George, "Gen. Sherman is a distinguished fighter. He did splendid service during the war," she said, "but I have met Gen. Sherman several times, and do you know, George, that he always kissed me?" He is a great soldier, and I admire him immensely. "Yes, indeed," George acquiesced, "Gen. Sherman is a great soldier. And then she complained of the chill in the air, and as they returned George wondered why she was silent.—N. Y. Sun.

A Mormon editor, after, as it would seem, taking an inventory of his marital belongings, recently announced in his paper: "The unknown woman who was killed at this place about three months ago, by the cars, proves to be one of the wives of the editor of this paper."

"I admit," said the young lawyer, "that I am not a very good man; but then how could you expect it of me? It's practice that makes perfect, you know; and that I haven't got."

El Mahdi.

Yes, I am the boss of the dusty Soudan, And I hardly think a more competent man Could be found between Tennessee and Japan To bounce the bold British invader.

I'm a twelve-fingered, bow-legged son of a gun, I'm a prophet from way-back—a child of the sun, I'm a dandy, a lah-lah, a darlin', a hum, I'm a red-handed ripper and rubber.

My followers number two millions or more, And every man of 'em equal to four, They're not much for style but they're dandies for gore— They're had men from Keshir-el-Wallir.

El Gordon I've captured, I'm happy to state; El Stewart has met his well-merited fate; And I'll butcher El Wolsely if he'll only wait, And Queen Vic will think luck has betrayed her.

So strike, shirtless sons of the shimmering sand, One more blow for your prophet (that's me, under stand). Disembowel the insolent infidel band! Visicest the infernal invader! —Mansourah Tribune.

PITIFUL SCENE IN A COURT ROOM.

A venerable man, hale and hearty, stood before Justice Duffy at the Jefferson Market police court yesterday afternoon. Although the snows of nearly seventy winters had whitened his head and mustaches, he was white as an arrow. He had the Roman features, the flashing grey eyes, and the ruddy complexion of Major George W. McLean, and other veterans of the Old Guard. He held a silk hat in his left hand, and his attire was faultless. A smaller man, made prematurely old by dissipation, stood at his side. His clothes were shabby, and he twirled his frosted mustache with tremulous fingers. His hollow eyes had a feverish lustre, and there were deep lines in his face. His manner was apprehensive, and he moistened his lips with his tongue as he pleaded with the white-haired gentleman. "Judge," said the Roman-faced veteran in a courtly manner, "I wish you would commit my son to the island. He is a hopeless drunkard. It is my only hope for his reformation."

"Father, oh, father!" exclaimed the man at his side, in accents of grief, "not this time, not this time! Please give me one more chance."

There were tears in his eyes. The old man was as immovable as a statue. He kept his eyes fixed on the judge. In terms cold and almost pitiless he urged the judge to send his son to the work-house.

"Don't listen to him, judge," said the younger man. "He don't mean it. Father doesn't know what he's saying."

"Be quiet," said the judge. "We will hear you in due season. Old age must have the precedence. Gray hairs must be respected."

In set terms the stern veteran again urged the punishment of his son. He had evidently steeled his nerves before entering court and was as firm as a rock. Not for an instant, however, would he trust his eyes to look on his son. Though dead to his entreaty, the sight of the boy's misery might soften his heart.

"Are you this gentleman's son?" asked Judge Duffy of the younger man.

"He is my father, judge," was the reply, after the feverish lips had again been moistened.

"How old are you?" the judge inquired.

Haynes & Co., Springfield, offer an entire warehouse stock of the suits at 50 cents on the dollar. Finest all-wool cassimere suits; cost to manufacture all the way from \$14 to \$22; warranted the best bargains ever shown in this state; choice in the whole stock for \$8. Orders received by every mail for some of these wonderful bargains. Choice on 200 overcoats for \$5, regular price \$10 to \$12; 250 overcoats for \$7.50, regular price \$12 to \$15. You can double your money at Haynes & Co.'s, the popular children.

TRY RICE & CO'S ELECTRIC PILLS.—Purely vegetable, cathartic and cholagogue. No griping. Sure cure for liver, stomach, and all malarial diseases. Price, 25 cents. For sale by G. L. KEENEY, Druggist and Stationer, Monson.

O. P. Allen and O. J. Winslow state that Indigestion prepares every one for disease, but guarantee Acker's Dyspepsia Tablets to cure all forms of indigestion. cow 1 y 1

FREE TO ALL. STANDING OFFER.—All who buy Rice & Co's Electric Lotion for rheumatism, neuralgia, headache, and all pain, and are not cured when directions are followed, are entitled to fifty cents. Motto—No cure, no pay. For sale by Geo. L. HITCHCOCK, Palmer.

O. P. Allen and O. J. Winslow will refund the price paid for Acker's Blood Purifier does not relieve any skin or blood disorder. A new, but thoroughly tested discovery. cow 1 y 1

OH, YE OF LITTLE FAITH!—Rice & Co's Electric Lotion works like magic in the cure and certain relief of rheumatism, neuralgia, headache, cramp, etc. Motto—No cure, no pay. For sale at C. E. BROWN'S Drug Store, Ware.

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WHAT IS AGOING? It can hardly be credited except by those who have tested it, that a vast amount of pain and suffering may be relieved by its use. Sure to relieve itching piles and warranted for cracked heels and scratches in horses. To avoid the rush come down breakfast to H. P. GRISE's drug store, Three Rivers, for a sample bottle free. Regular size 25c. Dr. Agol's Pills reach the circulation of vital action. Sold in Three Rivers by H. P. GRISE. 4w47

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"ROUGH ON COUGHS." Ask for "Rough on Coughs" for coughs, colds, sore throat, hoarseness. Troches, 15c; Liquid, 25c. "ROUGH ON RATS." Clears out rats, mice, roaches, flies, ants, bed-bugs, skunks, chipmunks, gophers, 15c; 4 druggists.

HEART PAINS. Palpitation, Dropsical Swellings, Dizziness, Indigestion, Headache, sleeplessness, cured by Wells' Health Renewer.

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THE HOPE OF THE NATION. Children, slow in development, puny, scrawny, and delicate, use "Wells' Health Renewer."

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Advice to Mothers. When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she was a Miss, she clung to Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

Are you disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with pain of cutting teeth? If so, send at once and get a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's SOOTHING SYRUP for CHILDREN'S TEETHING. It is the best remedy for this terrible disease, and it is localizable. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Deposed upon it, there is no mistake about it. It cures dysentery, diarrhoea, regulates the stomach and bowels, cures wind colic, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, and gives tone and energy to the whole system. Mrs. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP FOR CHILDREN'S TEETHING is pleasant to the taste, and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female nurses and physicians in the United States, and is for sale by all druggists throughout the world. Price 25 cts. a bottle. 1 y 20

BORN. At Athol, 14th, a son to A. A. and ESTIE T. MERRILL, and grandson to Bela P. Merrill of Belchertown.

At Norwiche, Conn., 24th, a son to R. M. and K. A. POWERS.

MARRIED. At North Wilbraham, 17th, by Rev. T. J. Sullivan of Palmer, AUGUSTUS BROWN and NANCY ROCK.

DIED. At Palmer, 20th, Mrs. HARRIET MORTON, 82. Burial Sunday at 2 p. m. from the Methodist chapel at East Wilbraham.

At Palmer, Center, 24th, of pneumonia, ELIZABETH SANGER, 77 years and 9 months.

At Three Rivers, 16th, MARY MCGURK, 68. At Monson, 31st, ROSANNA CONNELL, 47. At Belchertown, 24th, Miss FANNIE REXFORD, 88. At Wilkes, 19th, DANIEL SHAW, 82 years and 24 days.

At Gilbertville, 23d, SYLVIA B. THAYER, 31 years and 3 months.

At Harwick, 21st, STEVEN, 88, widow of John James. At Harwick, 22d, STEVEN HILLMAN, 87.

WOOD FOR SALE! Four-foot dry Slab Wood for sale. 3m48 FOSKET & HOLBROOK, Palmer.

LET EVERYBODY GET READY FOR THE COMING OF THE ONLY SUCCESSFUL EXPERT IN THE CURE OF OBSTINATE CHRONIC DISEASES IN AMERICA!!!

THE SUBSCRIBER having removed to the city of Worcester, will sell his real estate at Ware Village at public auction, on the premises, on the 18th day of MARCH, MARCH 12th, at 2 o'clock p. m.

The property consists of THE NEW COTTAGE AND BARN Known as the Daniel Marsh place, situated on Edly Street.

The above property is located near the center of business, is all new and in good repair, built for the present owner.

TERMS EASY!—\$100 will be required at time of sale. For further particulars apply to J. H. WARD, 2w48 Ware, Mass., Feb. 26, 1885.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. COMMITTEE ON WATER SUPPLY. STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, Feb. 17, 1885.

The committee on water supply will give a hearing to parties interested in the expediency of so amending Sec. 3 Chap. 28 of the Public Statutes as to allow cities to purchase the property of aqueduct corporations without ratification by voters of such cities.

Also expediency of authorizing any city or town or aqueduct corporation to purchase or sell water at Room No. 14, State House, on Thursday, March 5, at 10 o'clock a. m.

WILLIAM F. COOK, Clerk of the Committee. 2w48

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE. By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Honorable McMahon to John H. Stairs, dated June 24th, 1878, and recorded with Hampshire county deeds, book 326, page 288, and for breach of condition thereof will be sold at public auction, on the premises, on the 18th day of March, 1885, at one o'clock in the afternoon, all the premises described in said mortgage deed, to wit: A certain tract of land situated in Brimfield, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stake and stone at the southeast corner of land of Parsonage Allen, thence east 45° on south of said Parsonage Allen, thence south 17° to a stake and stone of the corner of land formerly owned by Lyman and Joshua Allen, thence west 12° south on said Alpine road to the road, thence westerly on said road to the first mentioned bound, containing 62 acres more or less, it being the same estate decedent to by Chester Scarborough June 21st, 1870.

JOHN H. STAIRS, Mortgagee. 2w48

W. D. KINSMAN, FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING ROOM FOR NEW SPRING GOODS, It is absolutely necessary that we largely reduce our present stock. With this end in view, we shall close out during the present month many lots of goods regardless of cost. We can make special mention of only a very few of the Wonderful Bargains we place before you.

CHILDREN'S FLANNEL SUITS. In variety of styles and good styles, too: Sizes 2, 4 and 5 at \$3.75; reduced from \$6.00. 6 at 4.50; 7 at 5.00; 8 at 5.50; 9 at 6.00; 10 at 6.50; 11 at 7.00; 12 at 7.50.

MISSIE'S AND CHILDREN'S CLOAKS. Sizes 4 to 10 years, at just two-thirds of the regular prices to close them out. Former prices are on the tickets in plain figures and you can do your own reckoning. \$3.00 Cloaks for \$1.00. \$7.50 Cloaks for \$2.50. \$10.00 Cloaks for \$3.00. \$12.00 Cloaks for \$4.00. \$15.00 Cloaks for \$5.00. \$18.00 Cloaks for \$6.00. \$20.00 Cloaks for \$7.00. \$25.00 Cloaks for \$8.00. \$30.00 Cloaks for \$10.00. \$35.00 Cloaks for \$12.00. \$40.00 Cloaks for \$14.00. \$45.00 Cloaks for \$16.00. \$50.00 Cloaks for \$18.00. \$55.00 Cloaks for \$20.00. \$60.00 Cloaks for \$22.00. \$65.00 Cloaks for \$24.00. \$70.00 Cloaks for \$26.00. \$75.00 Cloaks for \$28.00. \$80.00 Cloaks for \$30.00. \$85.00 Cloaks for \$32.00. \$90.00 Cloaks for \$34.00. \$95.00 Cloaks for \$36.00. \$100.00 Cloaks for \$38.00. \$105.00 Cloaks for \$40.00. \$110.00 Cloaks for \$42.00. \$115.00 Cloaks for \$44.00. \$120.00 Cloaks for \$46.00. \$125.00 Cloaks for \$48.00. \$130.00 Cloaks for \$50.00. \$135.00 Cloaks for \$52.00. \$140.00 Cloaks for \$54.00. \$145.00 Cloaks for \$56.00. \$150.00 Cloaks for 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The Anvil of God's Word.
Last eve I paused beside a blacksmith's door,
And heard the anvil sing its vesper rhyme:
Then looking in I saw upon the floor
Old hammers worn with beating years of time.
"How many anvils have you," said I,
"To wear and batter all these hammers so?"
"Just one," he answered; then, with twinkling eye,
"The anvil wears the hammers out, you know."

And so I thought, the anvil of God's word
For ages sculpts—how have these hammers worn?
Yet, through the noise of Fate, Voltaire was heard,
The anvil is un worn—the hammers gone.
THE NINTH COMMANDMENT.
"Of all deadly instruments there is none
that carries so bitter a poison as the tongue,
and there is no place where it slashes so
remorselessly as among Christian people."
Mr. Beecher spoke these words very feel-
ingly yesterday in his pulpit, and he has
never spoken words more true, or words
the true and moral of which are more gen-
erally forgotten. The sin of backbiting is
not less life among us than it was in Lon-
don in Sheridan's time, and there is always
room for the drastic teachings of a new
"School for Scandal." Men and women
who would not break any other command-
ment continually bear false witness against
their neighbor. Envy, coarseness of fibre,
the want of sympathy or intellectual sym-
metry, ill-temper and, perhaps as much as
any of these, the mere epidemic nature of
loose talk, lie at the root of this mis-
erable habit of detraction, and, in the
absence of the duel and the doubts and
difficulties of the law of libel, the conse-
quent injuries inflicted are among the most
agonying, if not the most serious evils of
modern civilized society.

It cannot be forgotten, although there
are obvious and intelligible efforts to put
it out of sight, that the last Presidential
cavass thrust before us an ugly and de-
plorable instance of this, the current ex-
citement merely heightening a disposition
that already existed in the community.
There was then a very crazy, a debauch of
calumny. But no one who knows general
society, the tendencies of an unfortunately
large part of the press, and the chat of
clubs, foyers, and saloons, but knows how
disgracefully pervasive is the custom of
scandal, and how culpably negligent even
men and women who would not themselves
indulge in it commonly are in omitting to
revoke it.

The most noticeable thing about the poi-
sons tongue is that it wags by preference
against the just rather than the unjust.
Be thou as chaste as ice, as pure as snow,
says Shakespeare, thou shalt not escape
calumny. And it often really happens that
the harder a man works, the more diligent-
ly he strives to fulfill all his obligations with
thoroughness and honor, the more delight
is taken by the reckless and the ignoble in
traducing and degrading him. Thus, as
William Godwin said, a man is never in
such danger of missing the applause of the
world as when he is taking the greatest
possible pains to deserve it. The vice that
Mr. Beecher yesterday stigmatized is far
too common, and it needs all the sharp
reprehension that he and all others who
speak with authority can administer to
curb and to shame it.—N. Y. Commercial
Advertiser.

Hard as it is to believe, the idea of dis-
pensing with recesses in school has gained
so much currency among American teach-
ers, that occasion has been found for bring-
ing in a committee report against it, to the
American Council of Education. The ad-
vocates of no recess claim that the adoption
of their measure will promote the conserva-
tion of the health of the pupils, by pre-
venting exposure; that it will tend to re-
fute and remove the opportunities for
rumor and boisterous play; that it will take
away the opportunity for association with
the vicious and consequent corruption of
morals; and that it will make things easier
for the teachers. The committee find in
their report that the exposure to the
weather during recess will not hurt, but be
beneficial. It gives a change from the
close, bad air of the school-room to the
free air, with opportunity to relieve phys-
ical wants, and affords a means of ventila-
ting the school-room without chilling the
scholars; that the "rude and boisterous
play" of recess is only a rehearsal of what
is indulged in outside of the school-room,
with the advantage that the teacher is pres-
ent to restrain excess, and that it gives
needed exercise; that moral corruption is
not generated in the open practices of re-
cess, but in secret intercourse; and that
the teacher's office is not to make things
easy for himself, but by every means in his
power to promote the well-being of his
pupils.

TOO TWO.

They were walking together under a very
little umbrella, and she liked him well
enough not to want a large spread of al-
pacas. He was modest, and seemed to be
nervous, and she finally remarked very
softly, and with a note of interrogation:
"Charlie?"
"Yes, Fannie," he responded.
"I'll carry the umbrella, if you'll let me."
"Oh, no, I can carry it."
"Yes, Charlie, but you see, your arm
takes up so much room that one side of me
is out in the wet."
"I know that, Fannie; but what will I
do with my arm, won't it be in the way
just the same?"
"I don't know, Charlie. Gus Clarke al-
ways knows what to do with his when he
is walking under an umbrella with Mary
Martin, because Mary told me so."
"Poor Charlie!"—Merchant Traveler.

There had been some illness in the fam-
ily, and when a kind-hearted but inquisitive
neighbor asked Johnny who had been sick,
he promptly answered, "Oh, it's my
brother, that's all." "What was the mat-
ter with him?" "Nadin, only he was just
sick." "I know, but what ailed him?"
"Oh, I dunno." "What did he have?" "He
had the doctor." That closed the inquisi-
tion.—Hartford Post.

A Staten Island lady, who has changed
her name three times, wrote to a young
lady friend: "Never marry a man with a
moustache; if you do you'll think more of
the horrid thing than of you."

A talent may be perfected in solitude,
a character only in the world.—Goethe.

A ROMANCE IN REAL LIFE.
The village of Sandy Hill is just now
considerably excited over the prospective
return to the home of his childhood of
Charles R. Bishop, of the Sandwich Is-
lands, bringing with him almost fabulous
wealth. About thirty-six years ago two
adventurous young men left the village to
seek their fortunes in the El Dorado of the
Pacific coast. One was William Lee and
the other Charles R. Bishop. They went
to Newburyport, Mass., and took passage
on a whaler and sailed around Cape Horn,
intending to land somewhere in California
or Oregon. The vessel chanced to put into
Honolulu for water, and the young men on
going ashore were so hospitably received
that they determined to remain there, and
being very bright fellows, with pleasing
manners, they soon gained the favor of the
old King Kamehameha; and in a short time
Lee, who had read a little Blackstone, was
made chief justice and chancellor of the
kingdom, while Bishop was given charge
of the royal finances.

When the story of their wonderful suc-
cess found its way back to their distant
home, a beautiful Glen Falls girl experi-
enced a sudden change of heart. Rumors
had credited Miss Kate Newton's kind-
ness with being the cause of Young Lee's
sudden departure on his adventurous car-
eer, and though absence it seemed to
conquer love, in this respect it seemed to
have the opposite effect. Miss Kate, on
taking another look into her heart, found
that she had entirely misinterpreted that
organ's pulsations, and finding means to
convey this important discovery to her far
off lover, who, amid the smiles of island
maiden, still remained true to her image,
received in return a speedy and grateful
acknowledgment and an urgent request
that before she made any other discovery
she would come out to him at once. As
soon as she received this message the spir-
ited girl started alone and sailed half
around the world to join her lover and be
married in the palace of a king. In those
days there were no Pacific or Panama rail-
roads, and a trip to the Sandwich Islands
meant a six-months' sailing voyage around
Cape Horn.

Young Bishop, having left no sweet-heart
behind, yielded at once to the charms of
the island princess, Bernice Pawaiki, adopt-
ed daughter of the Queen mother, and their
wedding soon followed. Thus, in a very
short period, these two penniless boys were
practically "running" the government of
that far-off island realm. A few years
later Lee returned to this country, accom-
panied by his bride, and, surrounded by a
suite of islanders and as envoy extraordi-
nary in negotiating with the United States a new
treaty very favorable to the islands. But
on returning to Honolulu his health, never
very good, broke down entirely, and in a
short time he died, beloved by king and
people. His large estates on the island,
consisting of sugar and cocoa plantations,
were all left to his wife, who a few years
ago still retained them, although soon after
the death of her husband, leaving her affairs
in charge of Mr. Bishop, her good friend
and cousin, she returned to this country,
and is now the wife of a distinguished
editor.—Albany Argus.

FRANCIS MURPHY IN THE SLUMS.

"God bless you, Bob, my dear old boy.
You must not stay. Come with me now.
Just think how happy your wife and chil-
dren were only three nights ago when you
took the pledge. Come with me now, dear
old friend."
The speaker was Francis Murphy. He
stood in a liquor shop on Grant street,
where he followed a tall, strongly-built old
man, whose face still showed marked traces
of intellectuality, although sadly marred by
years of dissipation. He was at one time
a prominent professional man, standing
high in public and in his calling. He is
now a total wreck and social outcast. He
has made frequent attempts at reform only
to fall again to the old ways. He had evi-
dently been drinking, for his voice was
thick and incoherent as he said:
"I sh'n uah, Mister Murphy; sh'n uah."
"Oh, but there is use, my old friend. Be
a man now and say no. Only yesterday the
old wife said to me: 'I'll be so happy, Mr.
Murphy, if he can only keep the pledge.'
He's a noble man when he's not drinking."
You are bringing that woman to her grave,
Bob, with trouble and sorrow. Come with
me out of this place, do."

Mr. Murphy's hand was on the old man's
shoulder now, and tears came into his eyes
as he pleaded.
"I sh'n uah, Mister Murphy; sh'n uah,"
he reiterated irresolutely. "I can do noth-
ing; best let me go to the devil."
Behind the bar stood the owner of the
saloon. A crowd of lookers-on in various
stages of seeliness and degradation watched
the scene, and was affected in proportion
to the manhood left in them. Mr. Murphy,
however, took no notice of these, but still
pleaded with the old man, until finally he
led him away; and the last the reporter
saw of them they were going arm in arm
toward the old man's home.—Pittsburg Dis-
patch.

A wealthy and charitable lady, returning
from a drive on a bitter cold day, calls for
her steward and bids him send some wood
to a poor family that is almost freezing to
death.
Then her ladyship throws off her wraps
and wheels her easy chair up to the blazing
fire and soon is warm and comfortable.
Enter the steward to ask how much
wood he shall send the sufferers.
"Well," said the lady, reflectively, "I
don't know. Never mind—I'll think it over
and let you know. There isn't really any
hurry about it; you see it has grown much
warmer since I came in."

MISREPRESENTATION OF THE NEW YORK
STATE BOARD OF HEALTH BY THE ROYAL
BAKING POWDER CO.
At a meeting of the State Board of
Health held February 11th, 1885, it was
Resolved, That the advertisement of the
Royal Baking Powder Company quoting the
State Board of Health of New York, as
recommending, through one of its analysts,
its purity, etc., is a misrepresentation. In
no case does the State Board of Health or
its representatives cause such examination
to be made with a view of recommending
particular products.
ALFRED L. CARROLL, M. D.,
Secretary.

PURIFY THE BLOOD.
If your blood has not been purified and your eyes
strengthened by the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla
take this reliable medicine by which thousands have
been benefited and made well. It will correct bil-
liousness, cure dyspepsia, and drive scrofula from
the blood.
"Tired all the time" and felt tired all
the time. I attributed my condition to scrofulous
tumor, but as soon as I had taken half a bottle of
Hood's Sarsaparilla my appetite was restored and
my stomach felt better. I have now taken nearly
three bottles and I never was so well in my life.
I would not be without Hood's Sarsaparilla for twice
its cost.—Mrs. Jessie F. Dolan, Pascoag, R. I.
"I have used Hood's Sarsaparilla in my family
for some time with good results. I freely recom-
mend it to my friends and patients as the best blood
purifier on earth."—Wm. S. Goff, Druggist, Ham-
ilton, Ohio.
HOOD'S SARSAPARILLA
Sold by all druggists. \$1.50 per box. Prepared
only by C. I. HOOD & CO., Lowell, Mass.
100 DROPS ONE DOLLAR.

NATURE'S REMEDY.
Vegetine.
THE GREAT BLOOD PURIFIER.
BEAR IN MIND
That when your blood becomes impure the safe
guard against serious illness is at once to resort to
some reliable purifier. Long experience with
Vegetine proves beyond question that it is the best
blood purifier known.
DON'T ALLOW BLOTCHES
And pimples to disfigure you when there is a
positive cure to be had in the timely use of
Vegetine.
REST AND SLEEP
Are indispensable would you enjoy sound health,
its controlling influence over the nervous system
has made VEGETINE a blessing to thousands.
Nervous sufferer, you will find sure relief in
Vegetine.
NEVER GIVE UP
However serious your case, whether of Scrofula
Liver or Kidney Complaint, Salt Rheum, Rheu-
matism or any disease arising from an impure
state of the blood until you have given Vegetine
a thorough trial. It is a remedy for just this class
of diseases, and in numerous cases, which all efforts
have failed to reach, it has proved to be of great
efficacy.

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KENNEDY'S
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FOR THE CURE OF KIDNEY AND LIVER COM-
PLAINTS, CONSTIPATION, and all disorders
arising from an impure state of the BLOOD.
To women who suffer from any of the above
troubles, it is an unfailing friend. All druggists.
One dollar a bottle, or address, Dr. David
Kennedy, Rondout, N. Y.

ON THE ENGINE.
KICKING A LOCOMOTIVE WHILE DEADLY
SICK—SOMETHING THE PASSENGERS
DIDN'T KNOW.—PHYSICIAN SAVES
AN ENGINEER.
Tamtam, Mass.
Dr. David Kennedy, Rondout, N. Y.: Dear Sir—
I am an engineer on the Old Colony railroad and
I had the Fall River boat train between Fall River
and Taunton, and in the summer of 1884 I
suffered everything but death from dyspepsia. I
could eat nothing, and I was very nervous, and
I had such blinding sick headaches that I often
sawredly see. I think this was the party to regular
habits of eating, and partly to the jar of the engine.
Sometimes my head would snap like a nut, and
again the pain would settle in my eyes, which would
feel as big as a man's fists. My breath was very
offensive, and my food would not stay in my
stomach. In fact my stomach felt as though it
were a great raw and sore surface, and what agony
you can imagine. In the summer of 1884 I
and fall of 1884 when we had the heavy central
travel, the constant jar brought on acute attacks
every week and I thought I should have to leave
the road. But I kept at work until the next spring,
when I grew so much weaker that I was obliged to
quit nothing, and concluded that my labor, and my
life, were about over. Remember that I had
tried every medicine I heard of, and had been treated
by some of the best physicians in Taunton and
Lowell. At this critical time Dr. David Kennedy's
Favorite Remedy was recommended to me. It was
new to me, and with my experience of medicines,
you can easily imagine me saying that I had not
a particle of faith in it. I had taken it but a few
days when I began to get better. The raw and sore
feeling left my stomach and my food began to stay
in my head, and soon I was all right, and have been
ever since. It is the only thing that ever did me
the least good, and it drove out my dyspepsia and
comfort completely out of my body. Now I keep
Kennedy's Favorite Remedy with me on my engine,
and it goes with me wherever I go. Why I believe
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The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 6, 1885.

The California supreme court decides that Chinese children must be admitted to the public schools.

GEN. HAZEN, chief of the signal service, is to be tried by court martial next week for officially and publicly criticizing certain actions of the secretary of war.

SOME forty anarchists were arrested in different parts of Switzerland last Friday, in consequence of the discovery of an elaborate and deeply laid plot to blow up the federal palace with dynamite.

IN addition to the Egyptian imbroglio, England is threatened with another war, her protectorate over Afghanistan being seriously threatened by an advance of Russian troops along the frontier of that country.

WE are now living under a Democratic administration, for the first time in twenty-four years, and up to the present time the earth revolves and the sun rises as usual, with no perceptible jar in the machinery. Herein lies the strength and hope of our free institutions.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR retires to private life with the most cordial respect and good will of his party, and of the people at large. He assumed the office under the most trying and unpropitious circumstances, but he rose to the occasion, and has been a dignified, able and honorable chief magistrate, while the social duties of the office have never been discharged with more grace, dignity, or a more finished regard for all the delicate niceties which distinguish refined society.

THE 48th Congress expired Wednesday noon, and when it is considered that in its two sessions over 11,000 bills and joint resolutions were introduced, less than 600 of which became laws, it must be confessed that some credit is due Congress for what it has not done. But the fact still remains that very few measures of general importance were passed, the House Democrats manifesting a strange disinclination to take hold of really important matters. The House will be remembered kindly, however, for its eleven-hour passage of the Grant retirement bill, within half an hour of adjournment. The vote stood, yeas 198, nays 78. What a pity that it could not have been unanimous! The bill was signed at once by the president, and the nomination of Gen. Grant, the last official act of President Arthur, was unanimously confirmed by the Senate in open session, amidst the greatest enthusiasm.

THE country has been startled sadly this week by the intelligence that Gen. Grant's illness is incurable, and that the great soldier is liable to pass away very soon, while at best his survival is only a question of months. Efforts have been made to keep the serious nature of his disease from becoming known, but it is now acknowledged by his physicians that the cancerous growth at the root of his tongue is hardening and steadily growing worse. It first made its appearance last summer. Its location renders treatment difficult, as it is disturbed every time he speaks, breathes or eats. The general suffers severely but patiently, and spends some time every day in bravely pursuing his literary labors. Every American will sorrow for the affliction which has come upon the hero of the war, and which must ere long take him from among the living, while all will rejoice that Congress at last recognized his eminent services and performed a simple act of justice by passing the bill placing him on the retired list.

THE INAUGURATION.

Wednesday was almost a perfect spring day at Washington, and the inaugural ceremonies were carried out in all their imposing magnificence, in the presence of an immense concourse of people, numbering probably 100,000. President Arthur and President-elect Cleveland rode to the Capitol in an open barouche, accompanied by a military escort, Pennsylvania avenue being elaborately decorated and packed with people. At noon, Vice President Hendricks took the oath of office, after which Mr. Cleveland delivered his inaugural address, and took the oath of office upon the Bible given him by the president when he started out in life. The president and ex-president then returned to the White House and reviewed the procession, the festivities closing with fireworks and the ball in the evening.

President Cleveland's inaugural was brief, somewhat non-committal but very satisfactory as far as it went, though his approval of civil service reform was not especially pleasing to the great body of Democrats. He urged all citizens to lay aside partisan animosities and give the common government cordial support; declared in favor of a close application of the Monroe doctrine to foreign relations, and principles of strict economy to domestic affairs. He favored the exclusion of foreign pauper labor, the suppression of Mormon polygamy, the protection of the Indians and their elevation to citizenship, and the maintenance of the rights of freedmen. He demanded reform in governmental methods, and the application of civil service reform principles to all departments, and commended the nation to divine wisdom for guidance.

President Cleveland sent to the Senate, yesterday, the following nominations for his Cabinet:

Secretary of State, Thomas F. Bayard of Delaware.
Secretary of the Treasury, Daniel Manning of New York.
Secretary of War, William C. Endicott of Massachusetts.
Secretary of the Navy, William C. Whitney of New York.
Secretary of the Interior, L. Q. C. Lamar of Mississippi.
Postmaster General, William F. Vilas of Wisconsin.
Attorney General, A. H. Garland of Arkansas.

A New York judge recently sentenced a man to the penitentiary for twelve years because he stole a penknife worth twenty-five cents. "Young man, don't steal. But if you must steal, take enough to make a compromise with, and have something left to settle down on as a respectable citizen."

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS.

BOSTON, March 4th, 1885.

It has been clearly demonstrated that the temperance men in the House are numerous enough when united to have everything their own way. Mr. Faxon, with his little book, said before the Legislature organized that it was a much better temperance body than last year. Events have proved he was right. A queer performance took place over the bill to compel liquor saloons to close at ten instead of twelve at night. It was amended to read eleven o'clock instead of ten. Then it was defeated Thursday night, just at the end of the session. Friday a motion was made to reconsider. The friends of the bill were fearful they would not be able to carry the reconsideration, and they got a roll call so as to give them more time. But the reconsideration was carried by 103 to 98, and finding that they had a majority, the friends of the bill wanted to put it through. But then its opponents became filibusters. They ordered roll calls and they carried their obstructive policy so far that members would ask to be excused from voting and a roll call would be ordered on that, and then another would ask to be excused from voting whether the other man should be excused and a roll call was ordered on that. Finally the House, having wound itself up in a parliamentary tangle, broke out by adjourning summarily. After adjournment a compromise was made by Mr. Cummings of Boston on the principle of settling the trouble by local option, and allowing the local authorities to make the hour of closing one of the conditions in the license. It was expected that this would stand a good chance of passage, but when the House met on Tuesday it refused to admit the substitute by a vote of 84 to 100 and then passed the bill to be engrossed by a vote of 130 to 77. One motive which led to the passage of the bill was that the House would not be dared. It had been urged that the law could not be enforced in Boston and hence should not be passed. The House said: "We will see if we are to be defied," and passed the bill. Now the Boston police are going to find it just as difficult to enforce the law as if the House were not spunky, and the House will be scattered when the difficulty is greatest. I know of a boy who was stumped to jump into a brook where the water was up to his neck. He would not be stumped and jumped in. He felt dryer when his father finished whipping him.

One consequence of the abuse of colored people in Boston by the managers of skating rinks has been the reporting of a bill to punish by a fine of \$100 any manager of a skating rink, theater, or any place of public entertainment, who makes any discrimination against persons on account of color. This bill has passed the Senate and is now in the House. Doubtless the House will pass it. Only one colored member is here to defend it—Mr. Chappelle of Boston—but he is a good speaker and the House is very careful to do nothing which shall seem like race persecution. Mr. Chappelle carried through last year the bill to prevent life insurance companies from discriminating against colored people, and it was as much the desire to avoid indifference to the colored people as it was the merits of the case which led to the passage of the bill.

In the course of the debate on the saloon bill, when Col. Whipple of Brockton moved to lock the doors, Mr. Tobin of Boston said that one member of the House had been in the lock-up within a week, and they all did not want to be locked up. Who the member is who has disgraced himself and the Legislature has been a well kept secret. Last year one of the members became notorious for his drunkenness and arrests. What sort of constituents must they be who will elect such men? Several meetings of the insurance committee will probably be held before an agreement is reached in regard to assessment insurance. Senator Walker of Hampshire, the chairman of the committee, has adopted a policy which will apparently save the committee from its unfortunate fate of last year, when it became split up on different bills and so divided in itself that it could not carry any measure through the Legislature. There was the Williams bill, the Avery bill and the Tarbox bill, each with its advocates. But this year the committee allows no bills to be presented except as suggestions. If there is any good which the committee can get out of them it will be taken, but the committee will first fix its policy on reserve fund, on reciprocity with other states and on supervision, and look out for the verbal form afterward.

Some kind of a bill will probably be reported from the education committee in favor of scientific temperance instruction in the public schools, but it will not be the bill asked for by the petitioners. The case of the petitioners has not been handled as skillfully as possible, and the committee might easily have been made more favorably disposed toward them than it is.

Several visits to Lowell, Lawrence and other large manufacturing places remain to be made by the committee on labor, but I suppose there is no reasonable doubt that they stand seven to four in favor of weekly or fortnightly payment of the employees of corporations. Among the most persistent opponents of the change have been the railroads, but from their own showing the committee are satisfied that they can pay weekly. It would be necessary to abolish the paymaster's car and make payments by some other system, but the roads have testified that the pay car, like a special train, is a source of danger on the road, and by the change that danger would be removed.

A deficiency bill has been reported from the finance committee to cover those extra expenses at the state house about which there is no contest. The committee has examined the state house commissioners (Secretary of State, Treasurer Gleason and Sergeant-at-Arms Mitchell) but it is not yet time for their report. Doubtless it will be attacked by the Democrats and no chance will be lost to show that the Republicans are no better than other people to hold public office. But Mr. Beard is a good fighter, and is very likely to be loaded, so the man who attacks him must be well armed.

LONDON.
MICHIGAN follows Minnesota in re-establishing the death penalty. Experience proves that the Mosaic law of life for life cannot be abandoned with safety to society.

LOCAL NOTICES.

The greatest clearing out sale of boots, shoes and rubbers ever carried on in Palmer will begin at 9 o'clock, to-morrow, Saturday, March 7th, at 9 o'clock, a. m. W. R. Milligan.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

Wheels again.

Quite spring-like.

The sleighing is about played out.

A. E. Phelps of Westfield will preach at the Advent chapel Sunday.

The hilliard hall in Strong's block has been closed for non-payment of rent.

We have not heard that Palmer was represented at Washington on Wednesday.

The ladies of St. Paul's church hold a social at the church parlors this evening.

Proposals for carrying the mails on the route between Fiskdale and Palmer are called for.

Dennis Murphy, living in the north part of the town, has traded his farm for a house in Monson.

"The Way of Salvation" will be the subject of Rev. Mr. Hunt's sermon next Sunday morning.

James Loomis claims to have the best pair of 5-years-old matched working oxen in Hampden county.

The projecting roof of Caryl Bros' building, which overhung Commercial street, has been removed this week.

T. F. Fuller, for the past fifteen years in charge of the New London Northern freight house at this place, is dangerously sick.

The young people of the Congregational society hold their monthly social this evening at the house of S. H. Hellyar on Main street.

Blodgett's greenhouse was flooded about five feet deep with water last Sunday night by the breaking in of the banking at one end.

A party of about twenty-five young people came over from Wilbraham last Saturday evening and took supper at the Nassawanno House.

Quite a number of the young people of this place attended the closing ball of the Universalist society's fair at Monson last Friday evening.

O. P. Allen had a case of goods dropped by careless handling and smashed at the freight house yesterday morning, causing a loss of nearly \$25.

The boat train from the north was an hour and a half late last evening, owing to the failure of the Montreal express to get to Brattleboro on time.

W. B. Miller, a brakeman on the New London Northern road, was seriously hurt at South Willington on Monday by being struck on the head by a bridge.

John Hopkins, an employee in the New London Northern rail shop, hurt his foot severely yesterday by dropping a rail on it, and will be laid up several weeks.

Stillman Ellis started Tuesday for Thomsville, Ga., where his brother, D. W. Ellis of Monson, is stopping, and will spend a few weeks in a tour of the South.

Remember that if you want ballots printed you need not go out of town for them. We can do them at short notice, and you may be assured no confidence will be betrayed.

Five gilt signs have been placed over the windows of the different banks in the banking room, so customers may know without asking at which window their business must be transacted.

F. D. Barton will move his jewelry store to one side of the room recently occupied by H. A. Clark for a shoe store. W. R. Milligan will occupy the other side of the room with his shoe store.

J. H. Smith and wife and Rev. O. R. Hunt and wife attended on Wednesday a reunion at Broad Brook, Ct., of the party which camped last summer at the head waters of the Connecticut.

We have much interesting matter which is unavoidably omitted for want of space, and we promise our readers that next week's JOURNAL will be an unusually interesting one. Do not fail to get a copy.

Names of the pupils in the wire mill school having neither absent nor tardy marks during the spring term: George Sumner, Minnie Davis; fall term, George Sumner, Katie Daley, Mia Walberg; winter term, George Sumner.

Rev. Mr. Hunter announced to his congregation last Sunday that next week he would commence a series of sermons on "What to believe." His subject next Sunday morning will be "What to believe about God," and in the evening he will preach a sermon to young men.

Only a small party attended the ball at Wales Hall last Friday evening, but those who did attend report excellent music and a very enjoyable time. The receipts fell nearly \$20 below the expenses. The ball of the Universalist society at Monson on the same evening attracted a good many, but as a rule the "too select" invitation parties do not pay expenses in this place.

William B. Bennett and wife were surprised into celebrating the 50th anniversary of their marriage on last Saturday. About twenty-five of their relatives came from Warren, Monson, Chicopee Falls, Graybi and other places, bringing with them a goodly array of pleasant reminders of the occasion; fifty dollars in gold coin being one of the items. The day was a beautiful one, and happily passed by the assembled company. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett were completely surprised.

If you want to know how to black stoves just ask one of the Nassawanno House employees. He mixed his blacking with benzine the other day and commenced operations on a hot stove, when of course the mixture ignited at once. He put out the blaze and tried it again, with the same result. He then dipped the burning brush in the liquid, and the way that stuff spread itself around was greatly to the damage of good clothes. The inventor is out a coat as the result of his experiment.

At the probate court at Springfield, Wednesday, administration was granted on the estate of Daniel Shaw, late of Wales, Gardner B. Shaw administrator. Accounts

were filed on the estates of Orpha O. Briggs, late of Wales; Rosa Carpenter, late of Holland; Stephen Hatch, late Wilbraham; Charles Barrett, late of Palmer. License to sell property was granted to Bertha J. Barrett of Palmer, and Marcus H. Rogers was appointed guardian of Edwin B. Allen of Brimfield. A partition was made of the estate of Lyman Shaw late of Monson.

The lecture course had a most auspicious opening Wednesday evening, Wales Hall being almost entirely filled by an audience of our best people, who listened attentively for nearly two hours to the entertaining selections given by Prof. A. P. Burbank, the popular reader. His selections were largely humorous, and were much enjoyed by the audience, his whistling being especially good, and calling out an encore. The next entertainment will be a lecture by Rev. A. P. Keudig of Boston next Wednesday evening, and Col. Russell H. Conwell has been secured for Monday evening, March 16th, when he will give his lecture, "Acres of Diamonds."

The town warrant will be found in another column, and its 28 articles should be carefully read by the voters, in order that they may be prepared to act intelligently upon them at the annual meeting. By the way, it would be a vast improvement if the time of holding this meeting could be changed, say, to the first Monday in April, giving the month of March for the proper preparation and printing of the reports, which could then be placed in the hands of the voters a week or so before the meeting. Under the present system the work has to be rushed through so quickly that mistakes are almost unavoidable, and citizens have no time to look over the reports before the meeting.

When the town two years ago paid out \$3018 for the building of a sewer in this village, with the view of draining the surface water from Pleasant and Park streets, the residents in that vicinity thought their troubles in that direction were over. But the past week residents north of Park street have been about as bad off as before the sewer was built. The freeze-up of two weeks ago covered the openings with ice, and what was everybody's business was nobody's business, consequently they have not been opened, and Park street is covered from two inches to a foot deep with water, and it is almost impossible to get north of that street and keep one's feet dry. It should be made some body's business to see that the entrances to the sewers are kept open.

One of our nice unmarried business men had an experience the other day which the "boys" seem to regard as a capital joke. He drove over to Wilbraham in great style with his horse and sleigh, and going to the academy called for Miss —. He was shown into the reception room and told that the lady would be informed of his arrival. It seems that there were two parlors, one for ladies and one for gentlemen, and the n. u. b. m. was shown (by accident, of course) into the one for gentlemen. The lady was simply told that a visitor wished to see her in the parlor, and after getting herself ready, she descended to the ladies' parlor. Here she waited and waited, and finally, having an invitation out to tea, departed. Meanwhile our n. u. b. m. awaited the appearance of the fair one, but she came not. He became uneasy, his seat did not fit him, it was becoming decidedly uncomfortable, and finally, with some remark about not being able to remain longer, took his leave. Of course the whole thing was accidental, but George didn't fancy having to take the trip over there for nothing.

We commend to the thoughtful attention of our voters the following from the Somerville Journal, which, under the caption "Somerville Grants no Licenses," says:

It is the greatest testimony that could be given to the benefit of the "no license" system to attract purchasers for property and it pays to put the above caption to their advertisements of houses for sale. It is an equally important fact, in this connection, that real estate has been going steadily forward, sales have been frequent, prices good, building lively and rents inflexible. This at a time when another state of things is witnessed all about us. Cambridge has received many whom Somerville could lose without serious detriment, and we have gained from our sister city many whom we are more than glad to welcome. It is an other noticeable fact that in proportion as saloons have disappeared lines of legitimate trade have greatly improved. See what a boon business in Union Square has had. Look at the increase in the number and quality of stores of all kinds, and the evidence of thrift despite the hard times of which we hear elsewhere. We have no disposition to overestimate the influence of the "no license policy," but he would be decidedly beside himself who should study the improvement of the houses, the condition of real estate, the tendency of trade, and not give large credit to a policy in which Massachusetts leads every state of her size in America.

AT THE RINK.
The second polo game took place Tuesday evening, and was a much better one than the first, both teams playing a better game. The first goal was won by the Cobwebs in 30 seconds, the second in 7, and the third in 2 minutes 35 seconds, after which the Palmers took the next two, one in 5 minutes 50 seconds, and the other in 3 minutes. The last goal was the most exciting, lasting 8 minutes, and was won by the Cobwebs, making the score four to two. The actual playing time was 20 minutes 2 seconds.

To-morrow evening a fancy skater from West Springfield gives an exhibition.

Next Tuesday evening is the masquerade and costume party for the children, and from seven until half past eight none but children under 14 will be allowed on the floor, and those in costume.

DISTRICT COURT.

On Wednesday Adolph Karger, a professional tramp, who has frequently been fed at the expense of the town, was given two years in the state workhouse at Bridgewater.

James Murphy of Springfield was an umbrella mender who was not proof against temptation, and for being drunk he was assessed \$4.83, but had it not and was accordingly sent up.

Thomas Briscoe and his wife, Elizabeth, of Biddeford, Me., struck town Tuesday and started on a begging expedition. Among other things they got a little money, which was at once expended for whisky. The women got drunk and disorderly, and the pair were arrested. Thomas was sent

to Bridgewater for a year and Elizabeth to the house of correction for six months. Yesterday morning George Kellogg of Hartford paid \$1.83 for an over-indulgence in the ardent.

LUDDLOW.

Agent L. A. Brigham of the Ludlow mills has started with his wife on a trip to Florida and the New Orleans exposition.

BONDVILLE.

A. P. Capen sells his stock, farming tools, household goods, etc., at auction next Tuesday.

The following scholars have been neither absent nor tardy during the term just finished: Grammar school—Della Aldrich, Sumner O'Regan; intermediate school—Xellie Breen, Annie Dunn, Tommie Dwyer, Agnes Carnody, Johnnie Cavin.

WEST BRIMFIELD.

John Butler and family have returned from their visit to Canada, and report a very pleasant trip.

A party of friends took possession of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. King's house the other evening, and reminded them that it was their 17th wedding anniversary. A very enjoyable evening was passed, and at its close a beautiful hanging lamp was presented to Mr. and Mrs. King.

THREE RIVERS.

The pie supper of the Sons of Temperance last Friday evening netted \$9.73.

The children of the Union Sunday school will give a temperance concert at the church next Sunday evening.

A party of ladies gave a pleasant surprise to Mrs. Chauncey Squires Thursday afternoon, the occasion being her 63rd birthday.

Miss Maud Pasco, while at work in the mill last Saturday, was painfully though not seriously injured in the side by a flying piece of machinery.

BELCHERTOWN.

Dea. Heman E. Moody, a member of the Congregational church, died on Monday morning. He has been a church member since 1838, and a deacon since 1871. He leaves a wife and two daughters.

A grand camp fire takes place at the Grand Army's rooms this evening, when addresses will be made by Department Commander Hersey, Sen. Vice Commander Tobin, Ex-Department Commander Patch, Hon. Myron P. Walker and others. The Belchertown Cornet Band will be in attendance, Misses Maud and Capitola Fairchild will render cornet solos, and vocal music under the direction of Wilbur F. Miller of Ludlow will be furnished. The addresses will be given in the Congregational church, and a supper for the post and invited guests will be served in the town hall. All comrades are invited.

WEST WARREN.

Agent J. W. Brown was paid a surprise visit on Monday evening.

Herbert & Loisele have moved from Water street to Crossman's Block on Main street.

William Merritt, an old resident of this place, will move his family to Wales, where he will carry on a farm.

Geo. L. Rockwell, real estate broker, has sold the J. W. Welch farm in Brimfield to Nelson Taylor of New Haven, Ct.

The ladies of the M. E. church held their social in the church parlors Wednesday evening. Hot coffee, cake and candy was passed, and an enjoyable time was had.

Surprise parties seem to be in order just now. Ira White, one of our first farmers, was visited the other evening, and the time pleasantly passed in dancing, singing, etc.

Cleveland's saloon on Water street, more generally known as "Spits," was entered Saturday night by some of its own class, or perhaps tramps, but they were frightened away without getting much plunder.

WILBRAHAM.

The Willing Workers met with Miss Emily Phelps yesterday afternoon.

The dramatic club had a social gathering and supper at the Alliance House last evening.

The following pupils were neither absent nor tardy in district No. 3 the past term: Charles Phelps, Mary Phelps, Lizzie Foskitt, Frankie Foskitt, Raymond Pease, Charles Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cooley were very agreeably surprised by a large party of their friends and neighbors at their residence on Maple street, Tuesday evening.

Music, games and refreshments were the order of the evening, and all report a most enjoyable time.

The following prizes of silver cups were awarded at the gymnastic exhibition in Fisk Hall: Club swinging, S. B. Brooks; parallel bar, G. E. Manchester; horizontal bar, W. N. Gordon. The gymnastic class presented Miss Annie Pierce two valuable books for furnishing music at their exercises during the term. Special honors in English literature were awarded to J. Briggs, A. White, and Miss Nellie Coot.

WARREN.

The farm of Rufus Bliss will be sold next Tuesday.

The high school closes this week for a vacation of three weeks.

Six persons united with the Congregational church last Sunday.

Miss Sylvester and Miss Tyler attended the inauguration at Washington.

About two hundred new books have recently been added to the public library.

The Makepeace farm, lately occupied by Frank Bagg, will be sold at public auction next Saturday.

The ladies of the Universalist church give a pink party next Wednesday evening at the town hall.

Mrs. Livermore had a full house, and her new lecture, "Wendell Phillips and His Times" was listened to with great interest.

A moulder by the name of John Sullivan had one of his feet severely burned at the pump works the other day while pouring molten iron.

Rev. Mr. Forbes has a vacation of three weeks, and will probably visit New Orleans during his absence. His pulpit will be supplied by Rev. Mr. Austin next Sunday, former pastor of the church.

NORTH WILBRAHAM.

Preaching Sunday evening at 5.30 by Rev. Geo. W. Mansfield.

The 8th annual meeting of Grace Chapel parish occurs Saturday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

The village was represented at the inauguration by Messrs. P. Fogarty and Thomas

Kearney, the older boys backing down at the last moment.

The selectmen meet at the house of E. H. Cutler, the 8th, to close up accounts for the year, and request that all bills be sent in on or before that time.

The annual town meeting is to be April 6th, at which there will be some business of local interest, electing a new town clerk and treasurer, three school committee and minor subjects.

A party of young people took it into their heads late last Saturday evening to disturb the peaceful slumbers of Landlord Stone of the Nassawanno House, of Palmer, and his good natured clerk and waiters, who were routed out of bed to get the hungry youth some hot supper, which was pleasantly served and much enjoyed by the party who left for home just before the midnight hour.

BRIMFIELD.

Mr. Plympton of Sturbridge, has been engaged as master of the town asylum for the current year.

Oscar Brown cut his foot quite severely several days ago. This makes the third time within two years that he has cut his foot.

The Ladies' Aid Society held a social in the town hall Thursday evening. An entertainment consisting of singing, a farce, etc., was presented.

Sig. DeAlma gave a very interesting entertainment in the town hall here last Sunday evening. The programme consisted of sleight of hand performances, songs, etc., and ended with an original negro sketch.

A citizens' ball was held in the hotel Wednesday evening, in honor of the inauguration. Bacon's full orchestra furnished the music. About 35 couples were present and enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

The town schools have closed their winter sessions. School No. 1, which for several terms has been under the charge of Miss Martha E. Stone as teacher, with her pupils, gave an exhibition at the town hall Friday, which was well attended by parents and friends, who appeared to enjoy the exercises, which were creditable to both teacher and pupils.

THORNDIKE.

The Jubilee singers were a leading feature of the social given by the ladies of the Congregational church last week, and it is hoped they will soon favor us with another entertainment.

A. H. Grows has resumed work, having nearly recovered from his severe accident. He wishes in this connection to thank the members of Rising Sun division, and others who kindly visited him during his illness.

Miss Kate Malloy will soon begin the erection of a building on Commercial street nearly opposite the post office, two stories in altitude. The lower part will be used for a store, and the upper story for a hall. It will be finished about May 1st.

The Brown University Glee Club gave a concert at the Congregational church last Saturday evening, under the management of the Thorndike Literary club. They gave entire satisfaction, their selections being well received, nearly every piece being encored.

Yesterday morning Mrs. Bowen, an old lady of 78, mother of Mrs. D. B. Bishop, fell as she stepped out of doors, and broke her leg in two places, besides dislocating her knee. Being of such an advanced age, it will probably be some time before she recovers.

The Rising Sun division, Sons of Temperance, visited Warren last Tuesday evening, as the guests of the division at that place. After listening to the lecture by Hon. Mr. Finch of Nebraska, they repaired to Crescent Hall where a supper awaited them. An entertainment consisting of a farce, singing, music, etc., caused the time to pass rapidly, and the lodge returned home greatly pleased with their visit.

MONSON.

Fox & Ward's minstrels are booked for Central Hall to-morrow evening.

Horace Moulton has traded his house on Hampden avenue for a farm in Palmer.

The Methodists hold a five-cent social at the house of Mrs. Calkins on Washington street this evening.

The friends of W. J. McElwain, who has been sick at Pittsburg, will be glad to know that he is doing nicely and will undoubtedly recover.

Rev. Albert Hapnatt will preach Sunday morning on "A message to Universalists." Evening theme: "The power and progress of belief."

The members of the Young Ladies' Working Club went to Boston in a body on Tuesday, to see the cyclorama of "The Battle of Gettysburg," getting reduced fare by the B. & A. road.

Scholars perfect in attendance the past term in district No. 9: Ida M. Clark, Alice E. Letter, Fred C. Letter, Harry L. Blanchard, in No. 6: Maud Alberty, Harry Graves, Lilly Graves; in No. 1 primary school: Florence Bugbee, Winnie Bacon, Ida Cortis, Bertie Dutton, Letty Dutton, Esther Keep, Mary Meacham, Julia O'Brien, Katie Ryan, Ellen Ryan, George Bugbee, Arthur Field, Lukie Clouson, Willie Gough, Patsey Hart, Allie Johnson, Harry Needham.

Prof. Puffer's elocution class at the academy is to give an exhibition at the academy hall next Tuesday evening with this programme:

1. Pyramids not all Egyptian. R. H. Cushman.
2. The Stigma. J. W. Herren.
3. A Terrible Sporence. E. J. Foskitt.
4. The Wrecker's Oath. S. B. Knowlton.
5. Battle in the Highlands. A. A. Mainwaring.
6. Something. R. S. Stebbins.
7. How Cushing Blew Up the Albatrois. H. A. Merchant.
8. Sunday Fishin'. C. C. Keep.
9. The Old Actor's Story. W. L. Ricketts.
10. She Wanted to Learn Education. H. H. Brown.
11. The Slaves Chief's Daughter. Miss H. H. Thresher.
12. Laughin' in Meedin'. Miss C. L. Whiting.

LETTER FROM PROVIDENCE.

Correspondence of the JOURNAL.

Providence, R. I., Feb. 22d, 1885.

It is a most lovely Sunday evening, warm and delightful as spring, in spite of probability's prognostications for storms in this region. I feel a sort of "inspiration stealing over me" to write you, but the Leuten season having commenced, news is scarce.

Last Monday we had a tempest, and as misfortune would have it, it was the appointed eve of the Infantry ball. Though the wind blew a gale, it to whirl teams as well as blew into the river, the aforesaid ball was the success of the season. The costumes of the ladies' were works of art, all colors and styles being resorted to, and the blended effect was not harmonious. This ball was the grand finale before the forty days of sober thought.

The skating rink here, as well as in your town, is giving a due amount of entertainment aside from the regular sessions in the way of fancy exhibitions, costume carnivals etc. I am sure that the last will be remembered by all, more especially by the two who in impersonating the brethren from Africa, used lamp-black and lard to produce the desired complexion. All went "merry as a marriage bell" with them, and the disguise was all they could wish for, until they prepared to assume their normal color, when, alas! soap and water failed entirely to remove the combination, and the gay carnivalists were struck dumb with horror when told it would have to wear off.

I lately read in some paper a novel way to serve refreshments at a church company. The ladies take enough in their lunch baskets to satisfy the demands of two people. Upon arriving at their destination the baskets are checked and numbered, likewise the gentlemen promiscuously, and those whose figures correspond prepare to enjoy their tete-a-tete tea. Of course this arrangement of fate is not agreeable to all parties alike, but it is borne with quite a good grace for the time being.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

Beauty is but skin deep, and yet it is the homely girl who has to stand up in a street car.

A design in hammered brass—the pliz of the book agent after being fired out by the man of the house.

A Georgia youth proposed to his girl on a postal card. He was economical to a very cents-ible degree.

"Called Back" is a story which American "tourists" in Canada do not care to read. It is altogether too suggestive.

Women make the best of dynamites. They frequently carry powder in plain sight, and yet no complaint is made.

The minister who denounced the roller skating rink as an infernal place, did so because it was not an ice place to skate.

An exchange publishes an extended article on "The cost of drinking." We should think it would depend a good deal on what you drank.

The roller skater who tries to stop by sticking the heel of his skate down, as is the custom on ice, always succeeds in making a sudden halt.

A seller of property by auction was never known to lose a bid, no matter in how faint a voice it was made. This is accounted for by the fact that he is an auctioneer.

The insignificant things of this world are not to be despised. The brass suspender button will make as much noise when dropped into the contribution box as the five-dollar gold piece.

"One-half of the world does not know how the other half lives" is an old saw. Supposing it don't. Does it suffer any from minding its own business, and not attempting to run the rest of the community?

The silk stocking is a sort of symbol of standing in the social world.—N. O. Picayune. And what is more, it indicates the size of the understanding.—Gardner News.

The above is a leg-itimate joke, we suppose.

"Hunting the Buffalo bug" is the heading of an article in the Springfield Republican. Wonder what the S. R. man was doing out at Buffalo, and if he found the Buffalo animal any harder to corner up than those in other places.

"Pa, what is a crank?"

"A crank, my son, is a person who knows how to run a newspaper better than the publisher, and is always willing to give his advice free."

"And does he really know how, pa?"

"No, my boy, on the contrary, he does not know anything about it."

"What do you do to them?"

"Listen to them patiently, so as not to—"

"Not to drive away their trade?"

"Hardly that. Their patronage of a newspaper would not keep a healthy mosquito in toothpicks."

"Then what good are they?"

"None; except to take up the editor's time."

Several years ago a little boy who had read of other little boys putting their pennies in the savings bank and after a while drawing out large sums and rising from errand boy to junior partner in a rich firm, thought he would try it. So, instead of playing tuss and getting other little boys' pennies from them, he dropped his dimes and half dimes into the bank. For several years he did this, until a few days ago when he wanted the money to go into business with. He accordingly went to the bank early one Monday morning to draw the savings of years, his all. Early as he was, the president of the bank had been there before him. He had also been in Canada since Saturday night.

Salvation Oil, the celebrated American remedy for cuts, bruises, sprains, burns, scalds, chilblains, etc., can be had of all druggists. It kills pain. Price only twenty-five cents a bottle.

A BARGAIN.—Forbes & Wallace, Springfield, offer 1000 line all-wool suits at \$8 per suit, which is 60 per cent less than cost. For 40 years, they have never before offered such bargains; 75 English plain 4-button cutaway suits for \$12, regular price \$25; 100 4-button cutaway suits with white and blue stripes, for \$10, regular price \$20; 150 line and brown cutaway 4-button cutaway suits at \$10 and \$18, sold full for \$25 and \$30; 100 spring overcoats at \$8, never sold less than \$10 and \$12.

Haynes & Co., leading clothiers of Springfield, offer 1000 line all-wool suits at \$8 per suit, which is 60 per cent less than cost. For 40 years, they have never before offered such bargains; 75 English plain 4-button cutaway suits for \$12, regular price \$25; 100 4-button cutaway suits with white and blue stripes, for \$10, regular price \$20; 150 line and brown cutaway 4-button cutaway suits at \$10 and \$18, sold full for \$25 and \$30; 100 spring overcoats at \$8, never sold less than \$10 and \$12.

The use of Iodoforn or mercurials in the treatment of Catarrh—whether in the form of suppositories or ointments—should be avoided, as they are both injurious and dangerous. Iodoforn is easily absorbed by its offensive odor. The only reliable catarrh remedy on the market to-day is Ely's Cream Balm, being free from all poisonous drugs. It has cured thousands of chronic and acute cases, where all other remedies have failed. A part of it is applied into each nostril; no pain; agreeable to use. Price 50 cents; of druggists.

A STARTLING FACT.—Heart Disease is only inferior in fatality to consumption; do not suffer from it, but resist. CHAVER'S HEART REGULATOR. It has cured thousands, why not you? \$1 at druggists. Free pamphlet of F. E. Ingalls, Cambridge, Mass.

O. P. Allen and O. J. Winslow guarantee positive relief for any cough, cold, croup, or lung complaint by using Acker's English Remedy, or will refund the money.

Pimples, blotches, eruptions of the skin, indicate that you need a face cream. Fontaine's Great Discovery. Sold by O. P. Allen. 60c/12

Ask O. P. Allen and O. J. Winslow about Acker's Blood Purifier, the only preparation guaranteed to cleanse the blood and remove all chronic diseases. 60c/12

O. P. Allen and O. J. Winslow wish it known that they guarantee Acker's Dyspepsia Tablets to be the best remedy for indigestion ever made, they always relieve headache. 60c/12

HOW ABOUT THE HORSES? If they have Heaves give them Weave's Heave Cure. If they have worms, pour apple-sauce out of sets and need a tonic, give Weave's Condition Powders. Weave's—no other. Sold in Palmer by O. P. Allen.

Weave's "Safe Cure for Heaves" is the only thing known that will cure. Sold in Palmer by O. P. Allen.

WHAT IS AGONY? It can hardly be credited except by those who have tested it what a vast amount of pain and suffering may be saved by its use. Sure to relieve itching piles and hemorrhoids for cracked heels and scratches in horses. To avoid the risk come down to Grise's breakfast to H. P. Grise's drug store, Three Rivers, for a sample bottle free. Regular size 25c. Dr. Agol's Pills reach the very foundation of vital action. Sold in Three Rivers by H. P. Grise. 40c/12

Buckley's Apple Sarsaparilla. The greatest medical wonder of the world. Warranted to speedily cure Burns, Bruises, Cuts, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Cancers, Piles, Croup, Croup, Tetters, Chapped Hands, and all skin eruptions, guaranteed to cure in every instance or money refunded. 25 cents per box. For sale by G. L. Hitchcock. 15c/12

An Important Discovery. The most important discovery is that which brings the most good to the greatest number. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs, and Colds will preserve the health and save life, and is a priceless boon to the afflicted. Not only does it positively cure Consumption, but Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma, Hoarseness, and all affections of the Throat, Chest and Lungs yield at once to its wonderful curative powers. If you doubt this, get a Trial Bottle Free at G. L. Hitchcock's drug store.

HALE'S HONEY, the great cough cure, 25c, 50c, & \$1. GLENN'S SALTHER SOAR heals and beautifies, 25c. GERMAN'S CORE REMOVER kills Corns and Bunions, 10c. Hair and Whisker Dye—Black & Brown, 50c. PIKE'S TOOTHACHE DROPS cure in 1 minute, 25c. DEAN'S RHEUMATIC PILLS are a sure cure, 50c, 1c.

"ROUGH ON COUGHS," for coughs, colds, sore throat, hoarseness, croup, etc.; 15c, 25c. "ROUGH ON RATS," chews out rats, mice, roaches, flies, ants, bed-bugs, skunks, chipmunks, gophers; 15c; druggists.

"HEART PAINS," Palpitation, Dropsical Swellings, Indigestion, Headache, Sleeplessness, cured by Wells' Health Renewer.

"ROUGH ON CORNS," Ask for Wells' "Rough on Corns," 15c; quick, complete cure; hard or soft corns, warts, bunions.

"ROUGH ON PAIN" POISONED PLASTER; Strengthening, improved, the best for lacerations, pains in the chest or side, rheumatism, neuralgia.

"THIS PEOPLE," "Wells' Health Renewer" restores health and vigor, cures Dyspepsia, Headache, Nervousness, Debility; 8c.

"WHOOHING COUGH," And the many throat affections of children promptly, pleasantly and safely cured by "Rough on Coughs," Troches, 15c; Balsam, 25c.

MOTHERS, If you are failing, brooding, worn out and nervous, use Wells' Health Renewer. 8c. Druggists.

LIFE PRESERVER, If you are losing your grip on life, try "Wells' Health Renewer." Goes direct to weak spots.

"ROUGH ON TOOTHACHE," Instant relief for neuralgia, toothache, faceache. Ask for "Rough on Toothache," 15c and 25c.

PHETTY WOMEN, Ladies who would retain freshness and vivacity don't fail to try "Wells' Health Renewer."

CATARHIAL THROAT AFFECTIONS, Hacking, Irritating Coughs, Colds, Sore Throat, croup, etc. "Wells' Health Renewer," Troches, 15c; Liquid, 25c.

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TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Hamden ss.—To H. A. Northrop, Constable of the Town of Palmer, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the Town House, in said Palmer, on Monday the 11th day of March next, at 10 o'clock a. m., to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1.—To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2.—To determine the number of Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, School Committee, and Constables the town will elect for the ensuing year.

Article 3.—To act upon the reports of the Selectmen, School Committee, and other town officers.

Article 4.—To see if the town will vote to elect a new street for the selection of Board of Health.

Article 5.—To see if the town will allow a discount upon the taxes that may be assessed for the ensuing year.

Article 6.—To determine the manner the town will take to collect the taxes that may be assessed for the ensuing year, and state the terms and conditions of the same.

Article 7.—To elect all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Article 8.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the current expenses of the town for the ensuing year and appropriate the same.

Article 9.—To see if the town will authorize its treasurer to borrow money for the selection of the taxes for the current year, the same to be paid from said taxes.

Article 10.—To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges for the ensuing year.

Article 11.—To see if the town will continue to hire the same.

Article 12.—To vote by ballot, which shall be, yes or no, according to provisions of Chap. 34 of Acts of 1881, in answer to the question, Shall licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in this town?

Article 13.—To see what action the town will take in regard to choosing a Board of Health.

Article 14.—To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the selectmen.

Article 15.—To hear reports of committees and act thereon.

Article 16.—To choose committees and give them instructions.

Article 17.—To see if the town will make an appropriation for the benefit of the Young Men's Library Association.

Article 18.—To hear the report of the soldiers' committee and act thereon.

Article 19.—To see if the town will accept of the provisions of Chap. 158, Acts of 1881, being entitled, An act to provide for the selection of Board of Commissioners.

Article 20.—To see if the town will accept a town farm of about 100 acres situated in the village of Bondville, running southeasterly past the house of Timothy Lynde to the house of Catherine Dwyer, and southeasterly to the house of O. J. Smith of Bondville, for the same.

Article 21.—To see if the town will appropriate money to erect a depot building in the village of Bondville, to be used for the purpose of a depot building, and appropriate money for the same.

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TENEMENT TO RENT! Inquire of E. J. WOOD, Central St., Palmer.

The Father's Hand.

I'm only an old wife now, sir, and I've time to sit on the strand, A watching the boats come in, and the children at play on the sand; Seventy years, sir—all my days—I have lived beside the sea, And it has been meat and money and joy and sorrow to me!

Father, and husband and boys, sir—there was not a man of them left! Could have lain still in the house, sir, when the wind and waters call! My father and husband sleep in the graves of our folk by the shore, But both of the boys who left me—they never came back any more!

Oh I've been ready to sink, sir, but one thought would keep me afloat— I learned it, sir, as a little lass at play in my father's boat. (Do you know, sir, it's often struck me, the lesson of life is writ Plain out in the world around us, if we'd but give our minds to it?)

My father had a bad, sir, so he paid the more heed to me; He would take me with him in summer, far out on the open sea, And he'd let me handle the oars, sir, and pull with my might and main, But if I'd been left with myself, sir, I'd never have been home again!

"Pull, little maid!" he would cheer me, but still kept his hand on the oar; Though sometimes I'd try to turn us to some pretty nook on the shore, Still straight went the boat to the harbor, and as I grew stronger each day, I found that the only wisdom was in rowing my father's way.

And I think, sir, that God our Father keeps hold of the world just so. We may strive and struggle our utmost, that we may stronger grow— Stronger and wiser and humbler, till at last we can understand The beauty and peace of his keeping the oar of all life in his hand!

For the Father knows what we really want is labor and rest with Him, So He bears us straight through joy and loss over discontent and whim; Though oft it's not till we sit, like me, a watching life's sinking sun, We feel our best is our latest prayer, and that is, "Thy will be done."

—Isabella F. Mayo.

But though he spoke in this way I knew he did not imagine it could be so. That evening we smoked our cigars in Colonel L.'s company, and my friend diplomatically introduced the subject.

"That beautiful house with the large garden," he said, "is quite a feature of the place. Who owns it?"

"A lonely woman, the widow of Mr. V.," said the colonel. "She was a belle in her girlhood. She might still be one if she chose."

"Perhaps we saw her in the garden," said my friend, beginning a minute description.

"Exactly. It was no one else," said the colonel. My friend paused a moment, and then said:

"She reminded B. of some one he had met in Brazil. In fact he almost believed her the same person."

"No, no," said the old colonel, "Mrs. V. has never left Virginia. We have known the family since she was two years old. It is only the other day that we spoke of that, and she lamented that she had not traveled more."

"I felt a pang of disappointment, but found courage enough to say: 'I should greatly like to be introduced to her.'"

The old colonel instantly offered to introduce me.

"But remember," said my friend, as we parted, "never tell her of your fancy. It would spoil your chances with her, and I see it is a case of love at first sight."

He was right, and I was very fortunate—very happy. I won this beautiful woman's heart.

Her fortune I did not want, but it was large. I had sufficient means of my own, and could not be suspected of mercenary motives. We were married after a long and ardent wooing on my part.

She loved me, but a second marriage seemed wrong to her, and it was not until she realized that she had irretrievably given her heart that she would give her hand.

Neither of us had ever visited Europe. We decided to cross the ocean during our honeymoon. Before we went she showed me her beautiful home and all her possessions. Amongst them was a store of old china.

Suddenly she turned to the shelves of her cabinet and took down a china bowl—transparent, covered with flowers and butterflies of quill, unconventional form.

As she held it toward me, I saw again the long, low-lunged white-washed Brazilian room—the crowd of men playing cards at an improvised table—the figure of the woman advancing toward me. It was her attitude that my wife had assumed. I uttered a cry.

"Are you thirsty?" she asked. "It is true then," I cried. "You are the woman who saved my life when I lay perishing of fever in Brazil?"

She began to tremble. Setting the bowl aside she threw herself into my arms. "Long ago," she panted, "ten years ago—I thought I held that bowl in my hand and asked you that. It was night. I do not know whether I dreamed, or whether I was mad. In the dead of the night I thought a voice called to me: 'Save the man whose destiny lies set apart for you!' Then I awoke, and asked: 'How?'"

"There is on our plantation a spring, the water of which is magical in its power to cure fevers. I dreamed or thought that some unseen thing led me to this spring. I carried this bowl in my hand. I filled it. Then I stood in a strange room—long, low, white; and you—you lay on a pallet, but with fever. And I said: 'Are you thirsty?' and gave you to drink."

"The next morning I could have thought it was all a dream but that the bowl still wet, stood at my bedside. Now I have told you this, do you think me mad or superstitious? I have longed so often to tell you, but I dared not."

But I also had my tale to tell—the one I have told you.

We ask each other often: "What was it? What did it mean? How is it to be explained?" But no answer comes to us.

Whatever it may have been, it brought us together, and I bless it from my soul; for we are happy as few lovers are—my darling wife and I. And whatever it was, it came from heaven. Nothing unholy had any hand in it.

HE DIDN'T CARE.

A nice, fresh young dude was invited into the country to spend a few days at a plain farmer's to secure a needed relaxation without excitement. He was esthetic and accomplished, but his friends watched him the first morning of his arrival and the cows didn't eat him. He was safe at dinner time (12 o'clock) and taking his place at the table he watched the lady of the house carving a chicken. She noticed him, and to relieve the embarrassment inquired:

"Am, Mr. Fitzclarence, do you carve?" "Um, I beg your pardon," he replied, startled from his reverie.

"I didn't do anything. I only asked if you carved."

"Beg pardon, no. I never acquiesced the accomplishment, you know, but I paint rather well, you know, on china, and an amateur, an I suppose taking carving lessons at the academy this winter, you know."

The poor lady let her knife slip, and Mr. Fitzclarence had to be taken out to the horse trough to get the gravy off his clothes.

Catechism modernized. Teacher.—"What is the difference between the body and the soul?" Johnny, (vacantly).—"The body is mortal and material; the soul—" Teacher, (impatiently).—"Yes; and the soul?" Johnny.—"The soul is immortal and immaterial."

A Japanese proverb reads: A tongue three inches long can kill a man six feet high.

DREAD OF DEATH.

Congressman Belford of Colorado is regarded as an able man with some eccentricities. That he has oratorical powers will be seen by the following extract from his speech on the death of Congressman Haskell of Kansas:

The dread of death is but an animal instinct. The falling of the leaves is death; the withering of the flower is death; the changing color of the foliage of the forest is death. The wrinkles on our faces, the increasing gray in our hair are but the indications of the coming of the great master who gives us repose. His hand, after all, is as soft as the dew of the morning. Dying is but a disappearing mist from the crest of the mountain, to be followed by the sunshine of a better life. Oh, what a mystery of dying! Does the one bring more hearty anxieties and solitudes than the other? Does this life, after all, furnish us with anything but hope inspired and hope disappointed?

When we contemplate the problem that each of us must solve, cannot we realize that our departed brother is folded in the mantle of eternal kindness; that he has escaped from the perplexities with which we are annoyed, and is looking upon this world without the red rust of tears that we notice in each other's eyes? There is but one sure platform on which we can stand, and that is: God has chosen for the best.

The aching heart and the sorrowful soul look forward to a place where a pure ideal of what they might have been may be realized, and the faults that debase us here may be corrected there; where the drooping flower of this life may be the erect and stalwart of the ages to come; where the crooked ways of this world may be made the straight ones of the next; where the sorrows that enshrine the eternal sun that will be illuminated by the eternal sun that will make them resplendent forever; and every eye will perceive that the light of God's countenance shines through each soul and will ultimately make it beautiful and serene. This is no vain hope, because it is the harbinger and sunset of the millennium, whose arch and span are made up of the promise of beauty and rest.

The ocean that separates this world from the next no human eye can measure. The shadow of the future is on the shore of the present, and what lies in that shadow no soul can tell. Oh, how sweet it would be if on this ocean that divides time from eternity, and on which souls are the ships of passage, we could freight these spiritual vessels with messages of love to those who have gone before! We would send letters fragrant with the purest affections of the soul. We would send bouquets of flowers as beautiful as those that first appeared in the Garden of Paradise. But we grasp the air and find our hands empty. We look at the sea and find it shoreless. We speak to the departing messenger and find that to his hands we can consign no commission.

What a wonderful sight we will sometime see when the great of the earth are gathered there; when the laurel of victory and the cypress of defeat are intertwined without the slightest twinge of regret. In the sweeter time to come, when the blossoms of all bloom and the infirmities of this life be forgotten we will realize that the soul is the jewel of all things, and that the circumstances which encompass us here simply tend to brighten and burnish it; that the office of the shadow is to intensify and make more clear the sunlight. And if there is ultimately to be a perfectibility of the human soul we will be across the river what we might have been here.

GIVE THE GIRLS AN EQUAL CHANCE.

An eminent French writer says: "When you educate a boy you perhaps educate a man; but when you educate a girl you are laying the foundation for the education of a family." He might have added that to this end the physical training was of equal importance with the mental.

In these days of the physical training of young men is occupying much attention, and the discussions are broad and full of interest. The fault is, that the needs of both sexes in this respect are not equally considered.

An erect figure, an organism in which the processes of life may go on without the ceaseless discord of functions at war with each other because of abnormal relations—in short, the added advantages which a fine physical adjustment gives to its possessor—are as necessary to one sex as the other for the same reasons.

If physical education and consequent improvement are things to be desired, it is not that a number of individuals, as a result of this training, shall be able to perform certain feats of strength or agility, but in its broadest sense it is for the improvement of the race, and the race cannot materially advance physically, intellectually or morally unless the two factors which constitute the race share equally in whatever tends to its greater perfection. Therefore, if in consequence of proper physical training men can do more work, live longer, and transmit to their offspring a share of this improved condition, women also should be trained that they can do more work, live longer, and contribute to the higher possibilities of their offspring by supplementing instead of thwarting the promise which has been presupposed in the higher development of the male parent.—*Popular Science Monthly.*

Judge.—"The sentence of the court is that the prisoner be confined in state prison for the remainder of his natural life." Prisoner.—"But, your honor!" Judge.—"Not another word, sir, or I'll give you four years more."

If you want to be miserable, think about yourself, about what you want, what you like, what respect people ought to pay you, and what people think of you.—*Charles Kingsley.*

John Bull's Soliloquy.

When first I heard of the Prophet False Said I to myself, said I, Across the seas to Soudan I'll waltz, Said I to myself, said I, I'll hush at the desert's drear simoom, I'll breathe on the Mahdi's little boom, And carry the fragments into Khartoum, Said I to myself, said I.

When I got one foot on the upper Nile, Said I to myself, said I, I'll just sit down and perspire a while, Said I to myself, said I, And as I sat, my good right leg Was cut clean off at one fell blow; Why, this I did Mahdi! not so slow, Said I to myself, said I.

I'll send right home for my other foot, Said I to myself, said I, And I'll put on my heaviest, bob-nail'd boot, Said I to myself, said I, And I'll kick this man and his Arab crew From the Nile to the ocean blue— But if I kick me, what should I do? Said I to myself, said I.

CALIFORNIA.

ITS ATTRACTIONS AND DRAWBACKS.

Correspondence of the JOURNAL.

POMONA, Los Angeles Co., Cal., Feb. 21.

Dear Journal:—We take the opportunity through your columns to reply to the many questions asked us by eastern friends about this country, and will try and give them an idea of California as it is, or as it looks to us. A great deal has been and is being published descriptive of this land—where the storms never blow, and the long sunsets given. We notice that all the attractive things and advantages are mentioned in such publications, but the disadvantages and less attractive features are always omitted. For instance, not long since a paper stated that Pomona is free from frogs. We never saw heavier frogs than we have here, although they are not as frequent in this locality as in other places in the country. They have been so dense for four mornings just past, that we could not see twenty rods away, and the water runs from the roofs of buildings like rain. They do not lift so that the sun appears till nearly noon. No doubt land agents think they can well afford to lie, if they can induce people to come here and buy land and settle.

We believe from what we know of other countries, that the climate here is unequalled by any in the world. Some people have the idea, as was expressed to us in a letter from a friend not long since, that there is much monotony about the weather here: "Hot days and cool nights, warm days and cold nights, plenty of wind and lots of dust," which constitute our delightful climate. It is somewhat monotonous

The Journal.

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 13, 1885.

That Fence.

If it were possible to believe that a great corporation could be actuated by such motives, it would seem as though the Boston & Albany managers were improving every opportunity to annoy and inconvenience a large portion of the citizens of Palmer. It is not necessary to repeat the history of the fence which was erected so promptly upon the completion of the new station, shutting off all direct approach from the business part of the village, but we venture to say that this fence has been the cause of more profanity in the community and of more ill-will toward the road than anything it has ever done. Since the first opening of the road this community has enjoyed a convenient and unobstructed approach to the station until last summer. With the completion of the new depot, however, a new idea seemed to take possession of the officials, and the fence was the result. It is quite natural for a business man to step into the post office when on his way to take a train, and also upon his return home. Heretofore it could be done very conveniently, but now, although the station and post office are directly opposite each other, and scarcely a dozen rods apart, a person following the path marked out by the railroad authorities must walk at least six times as far, or nearly a quarter of a mile. Do the railroad officials think this is convenient and agreeable?

It is an edifying spectacle to stand on Main street and observe the men who may be seen scaling the fence every day at about train time. During the winter there have been two or three well-trodden paths opposite the Nassawann House, leading to the fence, and it is remarkable that only one leg has been broken in scaling the high pickets. There has been another much-neglected short cut just east of the Flynt Building Co.'s office, where, by the removal of a small stone in the high bank wall, a nimble man could comfortably scramble up through the rail-fence on top of the wall. But this week the officials have displayed their good nature by extending the picket fence far enough beyond this spot to prevent further crossing there. Like a keen housewife after rats, no sooner is a hole discovered than it is stopped up. There still remains an open approach where the fence ends at the foot of Commercial street, and the beaten path up the railroad bank shows how much even this difficult approach is appreciated by people at the west end of the village; but it is reported that this also will be closed as soon as the frost will permit the setting of fence posts, and the whole course of the managers in regard to the fence is such, unfortunately, as would indicate that the report is probably true.

It is difficult to understand why the Boston & Albany managers, after building such an elegant station, have deliberately gone to work to make it more a curse than a blessing to this community, by fencing it in after so exclusive a fashion. Is it done solely out of consideration for the safety of their patrons? Hardly. If so, why such a sudden spasm of concern for people hereabouts, and nowhere else? Why was not the south side of the track fenced before the depot was built? Instead of that, a broad flight of stairs was very considerably put in on the bank in front of the Baptist church, to accommodate foot passengers going South Main street way. Why are not other stations on the road fenced off in the same way? Not one of them is so inconvenient of access as this.

The JOURNAL has been as impartial as possible in its treatment of the depot question, and when others have stormed has kept cool, and said all it could in defense of the road. But we want the managers of the Boston & Albany railroad to distinctly understand that all the growling does not come from corner loafers. The respectable, responsible citizens of this community, without exception we believe, are annoyed and indignant, though they do not stand on the street corners airing their grievance. But it is none the less sincere. We have heard very many expressions of opinion regarding the fence, both from citizens and strangers, and not a single one but expressed strong disapproval. From this statement we of course except railroad employees and those having a direct personal interest in keeping on the right side of the managers.

What our citizens want is an easy and direct way of reaching the station from the nearest point on Main street. It would seem as though the railroad officials were intelligent enough to know this, without having a formal petition conveyed to them on a silver salver. A comfortable cross-walk at grade would be just what is wanted, and it would not ruin the road to keep a flagman for additional safety in case one was put in. A bridge over the tracks would be the next best, and is perfectly practicable. A stairway from the Commercial street tunnel would be well, better than nothing. We understand that the railroad authorities consider this the only thing to do—the only thing they will do, in fact, and they will not do this until the town shall widen the tunnel to meet their views. We commend their amiable attitude to the thoughtful consideration of the public.

The first week of the new administration has passed away quietly, but not very satisfactorily to the horde of office-seekers at Washington. The new members of the cabinet were sworn in last Saturday, and President Cleveland promptly gave notice to place-hunters that their applications must be made to the heads of departments and not at the White House. This naturally caused a good deal of "censuring," but the president is evidently sincere in his purpose not to listen to aspirants for office, and proposes to take time to ascertain the personal present office holders and their worth, before making any removals. He condescends himself bound to carry out the principles of civil service reform, and has informed the members of his cabinet that he expects them to help him in this line.

A formidable strike is in progress on the Washburn system of railroads in the Southwest, in consequence of reductions in wages, and freight traffic is almost entirely suspended in Texas, as well as in portions of Kansas and Missouri. The strikers are orderly and public sympathy is generally with them.

LOCAL NOTICES.

All persons having accounts against H. A. Clark are requested to send them in immediately. All persons owing H. A. Clark are requested to settle their accounts before April 1st at W. R. Milligan's shoe store.

H. A. CLARK.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

Spring? Drummers are thick. Almost time for bicycles. Town meeting next Monday. Awnings are being put up again. Quite agreeable weather this week. A portion of Main street is getting quite dusty.

The person who has seen the first blue-bird is now in order. Miss Jennie Kenerson has returned from her visit to New York.

The original "one-horse shay" appeared on the streets Tuesday. Enoch Phelps of Westfield will preach at the Advent chapel next Sunday.

J. F. Holbrook's coal cart has been ornamented with a new coat of paint.

Rev. Mr. Hunt takes for his subject next Sunday morning, "Justification."

An interesting letter from a former Monson resident is found on this page.

Criminal business has been very light at the district court since the first of January.

William Kirtz and Daniel Mulyhill have been drawn as jurors for the present term of court in Springfield.

All those having parts in the drama "Allatona" are requested to meet next Wednesday night for rehearsal.

Invitations will be sent out to-morrow for a private skating party to be held at the rink next Thursday evening.

The Grand Army post is to present the drama "Allatona" on the evenings of the 27th and 28th of this month.

Now that the snow has partially gone, trailing arbutus, "the first of the season," may be looked for at any time.

It is said that a certain groceryman in town thinks he has a horse which can out-step any horse flesh in the place.

Miss Anna Whitcomb started for Dakota yesterday afternoon, where she will spend the summer for her health.

Next Tuesday evening the Thornlike vocal club announces a grand concert and ball at the town hall, Four Corners.

A partial eclipse of the sun takes place next Monday, visible in this section at about 12:15 p. m.—that is, if the day is a clear one.

It is rumored that a roller skater of this place is soon to start out on the road, giving exhibitions of fancy and trick skating, assuming the title of "Prof."

W. S. Daniels, a former clerk in Hitchcock's drug store, has been appointed private secretary to the first assistant postmaster general at Washington.

Loomis Brothers are to build a block for their furniture business, just east of Fisk and Holbrook on Main street, and F. C. Hatch will probably build just east of them.

The regular monthly temperance meeting will be held next Sunday evening in the Congregational church, and the question: "Why I vote no," will be discussed by the ministers.

The billiard hall in Strong's block was not closed for non-payment of rent, it seems, but because of the dissolution of the partnership which existed between O'Neill and Strong.

The horse attached to Merriam's milk cart became frightened yesterday afternoon in front of the post office, and tipped the cart over, spilling some milk, but doing no other damage.

Postmaster Knox says that the amount of circulars of patent medicines, etc., which passes through the Palmer office this spring, is much greater than usual. There must be a good outlook for business somewhere.

Some of the old numbers of the JOURNAL which we have advertised for have been sent us. Will our subscribers please take a look among their old papers and see if they have not one or more of the numbers wanted.

It cannot be that much attention is paid to the enforcing of the law regarding the admitting of minors to billiard halls in this village, as the proprietors allow boys of 14 to play all they choose without fear of molestation.

An occasional sleigh is still seen on the streets, but it looks as if the owner thereof had traded his only buggy for the sleigh when snow first came, and could not trade back now, being obliged to ride in the sleigh or not at all.

The pile of cracked stone, which the tramps are obliged to contribute to in payment for their lodging and breakfast, has reached a goodly size. Only furnish tramps enough and the town can have some excellent roads next season?

A passenger car was attached to a late freight train from Springfield last night, for the accommodation of those from this place who wished to see Denman Thompson in Washington. A guarantee of 20 fares was demanded to secure the "accommodation."

J. T. Bostock moved into his new house last week, and Friday evening a number of his friends made himself and wife a surprise visit, presenting them with a fine portiere complete, with rod, rings, etc., a nice patent rocker, a handsome vase, and a large number of linen towels.

The selectmen have engaged A. M. Dutcher and wife of Shelburne Falls to take charge of the town farm for the coming year. They come well recommended, having held similar positions in other places. The sum paid is \$250. They will take charge the first of next month.

F. M. Eager will, as soon as the weather permits, erect a two-story building next to the office of the Flynt Building and Construction Co., which will be 24 feet front and run back 48 feet toward the depot. The lower floor will be occupied by him for his boot and shoe business, while the upper floor will be for rent.

S. C. Hatch has secured the store in Clark & Hastings' block, and is soon to open a fish market. His long experience in the business and his acquaintance with the eastern and southern dealers will enable him to supply the best "sea food" of all kinds that the market affords.

Wednesday evening's lecture on "The Model Woman," by Rev. A. P. Kendig of Boston, was not greatly enjoyed by the audience, the speaker failing to bring out any new or interesting points. Next Monday evening Col. Russell H. Conwell, a very popular speaker, will lecture on "Aeres of Diamonds."

Names of pupils in the second primary school having no absent tardy marks during the fall term: Lottie Bray, Maud Kenerson, Clara Loomis, Bridget Murphy, Louis Aiken, Daniel Connor, James Dillon, James Duffy, Daniel Dillon, Frank Edson, Scott French, Freddie Gann, Willie Murphy and John O'Keefe; winter term, Louis Aiken and Neddie Gardner.

Postmaster Knox forwarded to Washington only nine propositions for carrying the mails between the post office and the depot, but many were sent direct to the department, and probably not less than 30 bids were submitted. That of Sullivan Moore was accepted, but he has refused to sign the papers, claiming that he made a mistake in his figures. His price was \$150.

The contracts read that the mail shall be carried for so much per annum, payable quarterly, but Moore says his bid was meant for \$150 per quarter.

At the district court room on Tuesday Timothy Daniloff of Monson was convicted of drunkenness for the second time within a year and was sent to the house of correction for two months; August Poon paid \$6.23 for being drunk. On Wednesday Louis Blanchard of Three Rivers paid \$10.25 for an assault. This morning Alfred Dupont and John Coleman, for refusing to pay fare from Springfield were fined \$14.73 each, and were committed in default of cash; Herbert L. Wright, a stubborn child, fuchs; Herbert L. Wright, a stubborn child, fuchs; sent to the house of correction for six months; Frank Bonshier paid \$7.44 for drunkenness.

August Poon, employed by Dr. Stowe as a hostler, got full of the ardent Monday night, and coming into the house got quite abusive in his actions. The Dr. ordered him out, whereupon he drew a knife from his pocket and swore he would kill his employer. The Dr. did not flinch, and luckily the fellow had not quite sufficient courage to strike, for he is a big, strong fellow, and would have had the best of it in a tussle. Fortunately help was at hand, and he was put out, an officer was sent for, and August spent the night in the cooler. In the morning a charge of drunkenness only was preferred against him, and with a promise to leave town, he was fined \$1 and costs.

When Col. Tafts, the former efficient superintendent of the state primary school, was called away to take charge of the state reformatory at Concord, a number of citizens of our village, desiring to testify their appreciation of his character, invited him to a supper at the Nassawann House. The amount of work on hand prevented his immediate acceptance of this invitation, and no time for its acceptance has since been found, so the Colonel sends his grateful thanks to his friends, declaring that in his heart their good purpose has been realized. The Colonel's many friends and well-wishers will be sorry not to offer him this mark of their good will, but acquiesce in his decision and wish him the completest success in the great and good work he has undertaken.

Respectfully dedicated to those who would like to know when a passageway from Main street to the depot will be opened:

Never mind the why or wherefore, You may shut your eyes and therefore You may do the best you can, sirs, Though we get profusely d—d; You will never get a passage As long as we own the land. You may rave and you may fret, sirs, You may swear and fume and rant, We'll not open up that fence, sirs, For any man on earth, you bet.

Never mind the why or wherefore, You must go around and therefore You had better do so quietly, And not try to make a fuss; For no protest you can get up, Will have the least effect on us. You may rave and you may fret, sirs; You may swear and fume and rant; For the comfort of our patrons We don't seem to care a —.

B—n—A—y—R—d—M—g—s. Readers will supply the last word as suits their feelings best.

AT THE RINK.

Last Saturday evening Prof. Edgar of Westfield gave an exhibition of fancy skating and a burlesque performance on rollers. The fancy skating was very good, though nothing remarkable, being no better than can be given by several skaters in town. The burlesque was very good, and called forth much laughter and applause. A goodly company was present.

The rink was packed on Tuesday evening of this week, the occasion being the masquerade and costume party of the little folks, about 35 of whom had the floor to themselves until 8:30. Some very pretty costumes were worn.

This evening Master Miles King and Miss Annie Thompson of Rockville, Ct., gave an exhibition of double figure skating. Though only 12 years of age, these young people have won a first-class reputation for their ease and grace of movement, and will undoubtedly be well worth seeing.

Next Tuesday evening the two polo teams will play their third exhibition game, which will undoubtedly be a sharp and exciting one, as the teams are so evenly matched, and each has won one game. New cage goals have been procured the past week, and will be used for the first time in this game.

TOWN MATTERS.

There will have to be substantially a new board of selectmen elected next Monday, as Chairman Loomis announces that he will not accept the office and Mr. Bishop's death leaves but one remaining member of the old board. Mr. Kerigan has become a sort of fixture on the board, and will be a candidate for reelection, it is understood. One ticket will very likely present the names of Charles D. Holbrook, Joseph Kerigan and Charles L. Holden for selectmen, while another board that is talked of consists of

J. S. Holden, H. A. Northrop and Charles F. Smith. E. G. Mardock, an old and tried official, may also appear in the list of candidates. Other names are also mentioned and may be brought to the front next Monday. David Knox, the only surviving member of the board of assessors, will be retained of course; and among the good names talked of for his associates are the names of Jere Dutton, S. H. Hellyar, Chas. F. Smith and T. D. Potter. The terms of Dr. Smith and Dr. Ruggles, as members of the school committee, expire this spring. They will be their own successors very probably, though G. C. Buel and Dr. Holbrook are favorably mentioned for the office; and it may be decided to elect but one member, gradually reducing the committee to its former number of three.

Most of the annual business will doubtless be put over to an adjourned meeting a couple of weeks later in the month, as has been done for the past few years with such good results.

Are we to have liquor licenses again the coming year? We hope not. There has been more drunkenness on the streets the past year, unquestionably, than during the no-license period. But the license advocates take it for granted that license will be carried, and intimate that no board of selectmen opposed to it can be elected.

The town does not need to be in haste in the matter of erecting a memorial building. Let the annual appropriations go on for a while longer, and meanwhile there will be ample opportunity to compare notes and ascertain exactly what is best and most desirable in the way of a building.

From the report of the selectmen, which is in the hands of the printer, we find that the receipts for the past year have been \$45,779.22, and the expenses \$44,662.13, leaving a balance of \$1117.09 in the treasury. The different items were: Support of poor, \$4944; contingencies, \$2210; highways, \$2618; bridges, \$1534; railings, \$310; sewers at Bondsville, \$1500; Grand Army post, \$100; library, \$500; grading Stimpson hill, \$850; water tank, \$54. These appropriations for the coming year are recommended: Support of poor, \$3800; contingencies, \$2500; highways, \$2500; bridges, \$1500; railings, \$300.

BRIMFIELD.

H. A. Ryder sells his farm, stock, tools, etc., at auction next Wednesday.

EAST LONGMEADOW.

Work has been resumed at the quarries. All bills against the town must be presented this week.

Charles S. Newell has been drawn as juror for the next term of court.

The schools in the eastern part of the town closed last week, but those in the western part of the town close this week. At the Center Mrs. Endicott and Miss Breckenridge have been engaged as teachers for the spring term.

PALMER CENTER.

The sale at the Hunt farm last Friday was very well attended.

Mrs. V. C. Sanger is confined to her bed from nervous prostration.

Richard S. Cone, who died recently of heart disease, leaves a widow to whom he had been married for 50 years, and one daughter.

Mr. Smith, the purchaser of the old church, has gone south, and his brother-in-law, Mr. Nephew of Thornlike, is finishing the removal of the building.

THREE RIVERS.

Henry McMaster has rented his place in this village and moved this week to Springfield where he is going into the restaurant business.

John F. Willis of Minneapolis, Minn., brother of Herbert E. Willis, the painter, will start for the West next Monday, having spent the past few weeks visiting his friends in this section.

The temperance concert of the Union Sunday school last evening was well attended, and was a very enjoyable affair. After the exercises by the children, stirring remarks were made by the superintendent, J. I. Milliken, the pastor, Rev. C. L. Ayer, G. C. Buel, F. A. Bowen, R. C. Newell and Henry Goodman of West Springfield, editor of the new temperance paper, *Doomsday*.

BELCHERTOWN.

Plaintiff, the harbor, is going to leave town.

There have been 14 deaths in town since the first of January.

At the recent town meeting these officers were elected: Clerk, E. R. Bridgman; selectmen, L. A. Smith, A. W. Morse and J. R. Gould; school committee, Rev. P. W. Lyman.

The report of the school committee for the past year shows that there are 448 families of the town, with 506 children between 5 and 16; there has been a school enrollment of 537, an average term membership of 425, and an average daily attendance of 327. The support of 20 schools has cost \$6341, as follows: Teachers, \$4318; fuel and care of houses, \$388; repairs, \$166; books and supplies, \$1011; superintendence, \$284; incidentals, \$174. A new school house on West hill cost \$581, and one containing two schools in the Bondsville district, \$2303. The annual report of the town officers shows these expenses: Support of poor at almshouse, \$1273; outside relief, \$527; highways and bridges, \$2348; soldiers' monument, \$290; county tax, \$1519; road machine, \$250; new school houses, \$2940; horse killed on highway, \$175; school supplies, \$985; reward for arrest and conviction of Baldwin, \$233; other town expenses, \$1520.

LUDLOW.

The Sons of Temperance division numbers over 100 members and has \$140 in the treasury. They gave a supper last Saturday evening.

The new office of the Ludlow Mfg. Co. will be completed about May 1st. The company intends soon to build a block for a library and reading room.

The town report for the past year shows that the expenses have been: Schools, \$3990; paupers, \$1239; roads and bridges, \$2661; town charges, \$1742; the liabilities, \$1232; of the town are \$2727; the town of the town leaving a balance in favor of the town of \$1475; against a smaller balance last year of \$553. The annual town meeting was held on Monday, and following is the list of officers and appropriations: Clerk and treasurer, W. D. Fuller; selectmen and overseers of the poor, B. F. Burr, Charles F. Grosvenor and F. Bramble; assessors,

H. S. Jones, E. E. Fuller and A. F. Nash; school committee for three years, James Haviland; collector, Welcome D. Dunlap; constables, W. L. Dunlap, E. P. Miller, C. S. Bennett, G. S. Atchison and John Holbrook. Appropriations: Schools, \$3500; highways and bridges, \$1500; town charges, \$1000; support of the poor, \$1500; Memorial day, \$100; repairs on school buildings, \$200; new school building, \$750. License: Yes, 5; no, 84.

WARREN.

Mr. Eaton, fish and oyster dealer, has sold his business to Charles P. Morse.

The pink and tea party held by the Universalist society was a decided success.

Rev. Mr. Beaman of West Brookfield will supply the desk of the Congregational church during the absence of Rev. J. F. Forbes.

Before starting on his trip to New Orleans, Rev. J. F. Forbes was presented with a purse of \$100 by members of his church congregation.

The drama "Above the Clouds" will be given by members of Crescent division, S. of T., in the town hall next Wednesday and Thursday evening.

Mr. Penfield has taken possession of his new building, and his facilities for taking photographs are much improved, as everything is arranged in the best possible way necessary for such business.

The pupils of all the churches in the village were filled by out-of-town preachers last Sunday, the Congregational by Rev. S. J. Austin of Darien, Ct., the Methodist by Rev. Dr. Fellows of Springfield, and the Universalist by Rev. Mr. Harris of Worcester.

HAMPDEN.

Geo. H. Smith has rented his saw and grist mill to C. E. Peck, and will leave town in a few days.

The Lacawic mill's affairs are about wound up, and the bookkeeper has left town with the intention of sitting in New York.

Our enterprising charcoal peddlers, Brown Temple and Willie Pease, have bought a small wood lot of N. V. Chaffee, and are chopping it this winter.

The contract for carrying the mails between here and East Longmeadow has been awarded to J. E. Tupper of Vermont, who will likely sub-let it to Clarence West, the present contractor.

Dr. Abial Bottum who was buried Sunday was 86 years old. He has been sick since last October with a slow fever and has gradually failed ever since, until last Thursday, when he died very suddenly about 10 o'clock p. m. The doctor came to town when quite a young man, and with assiduous attention to business built up a successful practice which he maintained until his last sickness. He was a peaceable, peace-making, peace-loving and benevolent citizen, generous, affable and kind, a pillar in the M. E. church. His cheerful, kindly face and benevolent hand will be sadly missed. He leaves a daughter and two sons, one of which, Dr. Daniel Bottum, will assume his father's practice.

Another claimant in the French spoliation claims has just come to light in the person of A. H. Thompson of this place, whose grandfather owned three merchant vessels which sailed in the interest of the East India company, and all of which were destroyed in that little unpleasantness between France and this country previous to 1803, at which time all strife between the two countries were settled by the purchase, by the United States, of all the territory east of the Mississippi river, including Louisiana, for the sum of fifteen million dollars, and the United States stipulating to pay all damages against the French occurring from her reckless destruction of our commerce while pursuing a legitimate business on the high seas. We hope for the claimant's sake there are millions in it, and no one will appreciate it better than one of our long-time townsmen.

MONSON.

The selectmen close all accounts for the past year on Saturday the 21st inst.

Miss Curley has opened dress-making rooms in the upper story of Moore's block. The skating rink at Central Hall will be open to-morrow, both afternoon and evening.

Rev. Albert Hammatt exchanges next Sunday with Rev. Granville Pierce of Holyoke.

The Wyndham Amateur Comedy Co. have commenced the rehearsal of two plays to be presented shortly.

Several local grocery dealers are having their order wagons brightened up with a new coat of paint.

There have been 39 different inmates at the town farm the past year, the number now being only 19.

Straw business is said to be very quiet just now, but it is hoped will improve as the season advances.

The opera chairs for the town hall are rapidly being put in place, and present a very fair as well as comfortable appearance.

The band connected with Fox & Ward's minstrels frightened a horse standing in front of Switzer Bros' market Saturday morning, and he made quite a wreck of Mrs. Lyon's fence in a vain attempt to scale it.

Some 40 of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Fayette Thompson called upon them in their body on Tuesday evening, and reminded them of the 5th anniversary of their marriage by bringing gifts suited to the occasion, among which were an extension table and marble center table, which were donated by Miss Alice Darling with congratulations and good wishes, after which a bountiful repast was served and the remainder of the evening was spent in social chats and games.

The Congregational churches of this vicinity will have a fellowship meeting at Monson next Wednesday at 10:30 a. m. and 1:45 p. m. Collation at noon in the church parlors. Rev. Messrs. Hunter and Ayres are expected to open the morning discussion on "Christian Self-Denial," and will be followed by others. In the afternoon Rev. Dr. Baekingham will preach on "Religion in the Home," and the topic of the sermon will be taken up in a discussion that will follow. All are cordially invited.

A rousing temperance meeting was held at the Congregational church last Sunday afternoon. All the Protestant clergymen were present and took some part in the meeting. The feature of the meeting was a report by Mr. Horace Squier, in behalf of the committee appointed by the town to prosecute illegal sale of liquors. His report showed that the committee has

been very active and successful in holding in check the liquor traffic. Forty-eight warrants for searching, arresting, selling, drunkenness, illegal keeping, etc. Nearly all the warrants have been sustained by the court at Palmer; three have paid fines of \$50 each and costs; twelve have paid fines and costs of smaller sums; sixteen sellers and dealers in strong drink have gone out of the business; all the liquors seized have been sent to jail and have served, or are now serving out, sentences there; three of the convictions at Palmer have appealed to a higher court; one of them paid costs, signed the pledge, and has been sober ever since. The amount expended therefor of the town appropriation was \$553.50.

The following names are those of scholars who have been neither absent nor tardy during the term in the No. 1 Intermediate school—Nellie Stacy, Edith Kathlam, Julia Keefe, Arlene Merchant, Fiske Bacon, Jimmie Closson, Arthur Rice, Robert Wallace, Daniel Gallivan. Present every day during the past term in No. 8 Primary school—Frankie Abbott, George Bennett, Ralph Darling, Johnnie Lambert, Arthur Moulton, Ralph Mann, Freddie Moores, Walter Plann, Willie Sullivan, Frankie Shaw, Exina Fuzzzy, Emily Fuzzy, Katie Hanley, Mabel Pease, Rosie Squier. Present every day during the year—Ralph Mann, Freddie Moores, Arthur Moulton, Willie Sullivan. Not absent during the past term in Intermediate No. 8—Emma Anderson, Irene Jeffs, Minnie Johnson, Addie Knight, Fred Clough, Walter King, Willie Moulton, Jennie Belden. Neither absent nor tardy during last term in Grammar No. 8—Alice Bliss, Mary Connell, Bertha Thompson, Josie Leonard, Delia Gavin, Alice Moores, Robert Shaw. Neither for past year: Chas. Ricketts, Lizzie McGuire. In No. 5 John Bowler was not absent during the year. In No. 1 Grammar school: Minnie Smith, Helen Tucker, Blattie Stacy, Mary Barlow, Arthur Anderson, Willie O'Brien, John Lynch and Charles Whiting were neither absent nor tardy during the past term.

Cyrus Day died from acute kidney trouble last Monday at the house of Charles Burnham, aged 79 years. He had always been a healthy man, and for the past few years had assisted in carrying on Mr. Burnham's farm in the western part of the town. During the recent severe cold weather Mr. Burnham, aged 88, and his sister, Mrs. Dollie Chaffee, aged 90, have had as their only attendant Mr. Day, who felt averse to having any assistant, and some two weeks ago they were found in a most deplorable condition, but told their visitor that they could get on comfortably, and seemed averse to having a doctor and the comforts which might add much to their well being. All of them seemed to be afraid of the expense, but common humanity seemed to dictate that something should be done. Dr. Fuller was summoned and a general house cleaning was gone through, dry wood purchased and attendants furnished them, as common humanity would seem to dictate. All of them had either frozen their feet and limbs or had burned them. Mr. Burnham is now very low, and not likely to recover, but Mrs. Chaffee was able sit to up and sign her pension papers without the aid of glasses, and is perhaps in a fair way of recovery. The Burnhams have property enough to supply their every want, but seem averse to any thing which savors of expense, and have grown into a kind of hermit way of living, and cannot be induced to change their home for one more comfortable.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS.

Boston, March 11th, 1885.

At last the Legislature is fairly into the debating stage. The Storm King excursion is over and it is likely that sessions will continue every afternoon till about five o'clock. After a forenoon's work in committee, a three hours' pull in the House makes quite sufficient for the ordinary conscientious legislator. Of course the faithful members are like charity, because they cover a multitude of sins by the un-faithful, but under our system there is no way of holding the negligent up to account. In every Legislature some dead weight has to be carried, but the proportion seems to be smaller this year than usual.

More than two-thirds of the House of Representatives have voted in favor of the resolve for biennial legislative sessions, and as it has already gone through and the Senate, it stands a good chance of being sent to the Legislature of 1886. The stage in the House remains on which the roll must be called, and a two-thirds affirmative vote is necessary. Some members, on the biennial elections resolve, showed themselves not at all bright when it came to selves not at all bright when it came to voting. Of course one "no" equals two "yeses," but members would pair off even man with man. By a little sharp practice on a close vote (the vote on the first stage of biennial sessions was 113 to 55) the opposing one-third could be so reduced as to give the other side the victory. Suppose on the next vote the minority rallies there more—that would make 118 to 60—not the requisite two-thirds. But suppose that three of the minority were supplanted by two to pair with three of the majority. Then the vote would be 115 to 57. Twice 57 is 114 and the resolve would be carried by the necessary two-thirds. That very thing has happened in the House within a few years. The more I hear of the arguments in favor of biennial sessions and elections, the less they gain in force, but the reverse is true of the arguments for annual sessions. I know that there is a popular craze just now for biennials and that it is not popular now for the other side, but after one has been here for several years and seen the vast amount of proper, legitimate business which must be done (but it is a great mistake to suppose that the Legislature is hunking away all the time on the fundamental principles of the government) he is pretty sure to believe in annual sessions. And he is better qualified to judge than the new legislator, or one who has never been here at all.

A few lively contests are in store. A resolve has been reported for a constitutional amendment to abolish the poll tax as a suffrage qualification, and four of the eleven members on election laws are opposed to it. They are Senator Jefferson of Worcester, Representatives Rantoul of Salem, Davis of Boston and Barker of Hanson. In late years this has been a distinctly Democratic measure, but great Republican names have been quoted in its favor, such as Charles Sumner, Henry Wilson, and John A. Andrew. I find

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You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be holden at Springfield, in said county, on the first Wednesday of April next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said executor is ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once a week in the Palmer Journal, a newspaper printed at Palmer, three weeks successively, the last publication to be two days, at least, before said court, and to mail a copy hereof to each devisee and legatee under said will, who may live out of this Commonwealth, fourteen days at least before said court.

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You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be holden at Springfield, in said county, on the first Wednesday of April next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said executor is ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once a week in the Palmer Journal, a newspaper printed at Palmer, three weeks successively, the last publication to be two days, at least, before said court, and to mail a copy hereof to each devisee and legatee under said will, who may live out of this Commonwealth, fourteen days at least before said court.

Witness my hand and seal of said court, this fourth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five.

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LEGISLATIVE MATTERS.

From Our Special Correspondent.

Boston, March 18th, 1885.

A few more spectacles like that in the House Monday afternoon will raise the question seriously, how far the minority should be given parliamentary power to obstruct the majority in the transaction of business. The entire afternoon was thrown away as far as relates to legislative progress. In the forenoon the Republicans held a caucus to decide what to do in regard to the order for an investigation into the state house expenses. Serious objection was made to the form of the order, because it proposed to investigate the secretary of state and treasurer, who are elected by the people independently of the Legislature, and also the sergeant-at-arms, who is elected in concurrence with the Senate. It was decided not to do anything which looked like opposing the investigation, but to put the order on the table until a wiser one could be drawn. Hearing of this, the Democrats, not liking to be limited to the ten-minute debate permitted by the motion to lay on the table, determined to fight by parliamentary tactics. I have since been informed that a proposition was made to the Republicans to be satisfied with a debate of half an hour, but that they refused to yield so much. At any rate, after the Republicans had carried by a large majority the motion to reconsider the adoption of the order, and after Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg had moved to lay the order on the table, the filibustering began. Mr. Murphy of Boston moved to adjourn. Another asked to be excused from voting on that motion, and a roll call was ordered on excusing him. Then another asked to be excused from voting on that, and a roll call was ordered on No. 2. So it was kept up. Dilatory motions were made, and at every possible opportunity a roll call was ordered. Speaker Brackett carried himself well in the confusion which prevailed. About 5 o'clock the trouble was cut short by the adjournment of the House without a vote on the main question. The order went over as unfinished business.

On Tuesday it was not reached, but there was further debate on the matter of state house expenses on the motion of Mr. Beal of Boston to pass the deficiency bill so that the creditors of the state could get the money they were suffering for. He said that the carpenter at the state house was honest and Mr. Cross of Newburyport said he was corrupt. The finance committee supported Mr. Beal—and there are two Boston Democrats on it. Mr. Cross presented new facts, as he asserted them to be, saying that for one pine bookcase and two swinging cherry doors with glass panels and glass transoms overhead, the charge to the state was almost \$800. He pledged his honor to prove that the bills for work done at the state house were at least 35 per cent too high. But notwithstanding his statements, the House passed the bill. Further charges and the explanations of the finance committee will doubtless be made when the order for investigation comes up again.

One of the interesting committee hearings of the week has been that in regard to trespassing on private property. Worcester county farmers are interested particularly in the matter, but it evidently concerns farmers in the whole state. Farmers from Worcester and about a dozen neighboring towns were present at the hearing. They said that young fellows from the city, the large towns and the factory villages, overran their farms, breaking down walls and fences in getting at game, stealing and clubbing fruit trees, and stealing fruit and being insolent to the owner or occupant of the property. Sunday is a particularly bad day for farmers. Cows, even, have been shot by the carelessness of parties out gaming. The farmers who were present wanted a law to permit the owner or occupant of a farm to arrest trespassers without a warrant, and hold them for not over 24 hours until one could be made out, and the offenders held for trial. From what I saw of the committee, I should say that some relief will be afforded to the farmers, though they may not get just the bill which they presented.

It is likely there will be strong opposition from Springfield to the bill to compel the use of a standard hose coupling in all the fire departments of the state. Boston and other cities supported the proposal strongly in the committee, and Springfield was as decided the other way. Last year the influence of Springfield was sufficient to defeat the bill. It is proposed to have a coupling with even threads, to the inch, and all other parts fixed by law (substantially it is the "Hobbs" coupling) which must be obtained by every department, though it can continue to use its present coupling at home, must not so out of town to assist at a fire without a coupling of the regulation size. The opposition comes down to a question of expense.

The Storing King people still have a hope of being able to do something with this Legislature. I do not see the execution made any more, for them, and the sentiment here is apparently against them. Still, the railroad committee has just given them another hearing, and some prominent men of Taunton have testified that it would be much for their advantage to have the road built. Nothing is definite yet about the solution of the tunnel problem. A third hearing has been given this week by the tunnel committee, but no important new facts were developed.

The education committee still holds the bill relating to scientific temperance instruction in the public schools. A draft has been prepared and sent to prominent persons in the state with a request for their opinion, so that the committee will be well fortified when it presents its report.

On Tuesday the debate began on the bill to establish a metropolitan police commission for Boston. It was debated for an hour by Mr. Coffin of Boston, who told of the terrible state of things in the city owing to the non-enforcement of the license law. He was the only speaker, and the bill went over until to-day as unfinished business. It has been debated all the afternoon and has been tabled to await the return of absentees.

The public health committee reported the following vinegar bill this afternoon: Sec. 2, of Chap. 377, of the acts of the year 1881, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: All vinegars shall be without artificial coloring matter, and shall have an acidity equivalent to the presence of not less than four and one-half per cent by weight of absolute acetic acid, and in the case of a cider vinegar, shall contain, in addition, not less than two per cent by weight of cider vinegar solids upon full evaporation over boiling water, and if any vinegar contains any artificial coloring matter, or less than the above amount of acidity, or of cider vinegar solids, it shall be deemed to be adulterated within the meaning of this act.

The Senate has spent most of the afternoon in debate upon the state house deficiency bill, which has passed the House, but no vote was reached.

LOCAL NOTICES.

G. L. Hitchcock has just what you want in wall papers, and you will do well to look his stock over before purchasing. Milligan's clearing-out sale of ladies', misses' and children's rubbers, all sizes, at 25c., will continue one more week.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

F. F. Ballard is slowly recovering from his severe illness.

Dr. Sweet's advertisement will be found in another column.

W. E. Fay has commenced a new milk route in this village.

Cora Leach has gone to Boston for a visit of a couple of weeks.

The selectmen have organized with C. D. Holbrook as chairman.

Clark & Hastings have ornamented the front of their block with a handsome sign.

Station Agent Fish ran Conductor Sanders' train to New London for him Wednesday.

Pay day on the New London Northern road yesterday, and the boys were made happy.

R. M. Taplin gives an exhibition of fancy skating at Stafford Springs next Tuesday evening.

Rev. Mr. Hunter preaches his second sermon on What to Believe, next Sunday morning.

One clergyman in town reports having officiated at ten funerals during the past four weeks.

Rev. Mr. Hunter exchanged pulpits with Rev. Mr. Ayer of Three Rivers last Sunday morning.

St. Patrick's Day was not very greatly celebrated in this village, though a few green ribbons were worn.

Thomas Lodge, F. and A. M., attended in a body the funeral of William A. Hastings at Thomdike on Monday afternoon.

Judge Robinson was one of the speakers at the annual session of the Grand Council, Royal Arcanum, at Boston on Wednesday.

Mrs. E. L. Crumb of Forestville, Ct., will preach at the Advent chapel next Sunday at each of the three regular services.

Henry McMaster has sold his lively stable business at Three Rivers, and has gone into the restaurant business at No. 15 Elm street, Springfield.

Conductor Downer of the New London Northern road has been sick this week, and his train has been run by Conductors Cody and Williams.

H. A. Clark, who recently sold out his shoe business to W. R. Milligan, is to open a store in Bristol, Ct. He has our best wishes for success.

Two dogs, which were having a fight on the sidewalk, broke the sash and two panes of glass in the show window of S. H. Hellyar & Co. on Monday.

The elevator in Fosket & Holbrook's meat store got away from the man in charge on Monday, and was consequently laid up a couple of days for repairs.

A passenger car on Conductor Sanders' evening train to Amherst was somewhat smashed last Saturday night by the engine striking it while switching at that place.

Engineer Leach of the New London Northern road has been taking a vacation this week on account of sickness, and Engineer Flannigan has been running his train.

The Brown College university glee club, which gave such an excellent concert at Thomdike three weeks ago, has been secured for the evening of April 3d, when they will appear at Wales Hall.

Judging from appearances on the street Monday afternoon, a good many men had been endeavoring to get a glimpse of the eclipse, but had been looking through the wrong kind of glass.

The pastor of St. Paul's will begin next Sunday evening a short course of evening sermons on so called profane texts of needless misery. Topic for next Sunday evening: "The Unpardonable Sin".

It is a good plan to make the Italian who comes around picking up old rags, etc., give your backyard a wide berth, or else keep a sharp eye on him, for he is very liable to carry off something of greater value than rags and junk.

We are informed by Lawyer H. C. Strong of Springfield, that last week's item alluding to a partnership between O'Neil and Strong in the billiard business was based upon a misunderstanding of facts, there being no partnership, and consequently no dissolution.

Our entire edition was sold in a short time after going to press last week, and many persons who wished for a copy were unable to obtain one. In order not to be obliged to go without when you want it most, have the JOURNAL sent to your address for one year.

What might have been a serious blaze was discovered just in time at the wire mill Tuesday night. A timber under the floor in the galvanizing room, which had caught from one of the furnaces, was found just as it commenced to blaze, and the flame extinguished.

A citizen who had an opportunity to pay five fares between Palmer and Springfield last Saturday, hitched up his horse and carried the persons to the city, just to show his feeling against the railroad. Of course it didn't pay him for his trouble, and the railroad will not feel the loss of \$1.80, he didn't expect it would, but it shows how he (and a good many others) feel about the matter. He says that last few rods of fence did the business.

Our advertisers, alive to the fact that the JOURNAL's constantly increasing circulation makes it a valuable advertising medium, crowd us sharply this week, to the exclusion of considerable local matter. A letter from our Providence correspondent will be found on the first page, and some interesting items on the fourth. We crave the indulgence of our readers this time, and next week shall make room for more local items.

In speaking of the English sparrows, the Milford Gazette says: "It would be a good idea if every town in the state would see to it that all these little tyrants disappear before the time for the return of our native songsters. * * * If the proper food is given them we shall be well rid of the nuisance (as the Legislature provides), and we can then welcome back the beautiful songsters of the days of old." One man in town has a new way of dealing with them which is a good one. In the cold days of winter whole flocks of them would fly into his hen-house and eat the corn provided for the hens. After feeding them several bushels of corn he got sick of it, and accordingly fixed the door so that it would shut quickly by pulling a string, and when a flock came down for a meal he would imprison them. It was nothing unusual for him to dispose of a hundred in a day in this manner.

As the warm weather approaches and the time for the erection of buildings draws near, the Plym Building and Construction Co. mean to get their share of work for the coming season. Among other contracts they have one for the erection of the John F. Slater memorial building for the Norwich Free Academy at Norwich, Ct. The building is 150 by 80 feet, three stories in height, built of brick, with a stone tower 140 feet high. The trimmings are to be of Longmeadow-brown stone, and the whole interior finished in hard wood. Work will be commenced at once, and the building will be finished in one year. The contract price is over \$100,000. They also have contracts for a four-story, 70 by 105 feet brick storehouse for the Richmond Store Co. at the same place, with a two-story, 64 by 24 feet barn adjoining, and for a 50 by 80 feet addition to the offices of the Norwich & Worcester railroad at Norwich.

Those persons who failed to attend the lecture by Col. Russell H. Conwell at Wales Hall Monday evening, missed a rare treat. The speaker prefaced his lecture with the statement that he did not come as an entertainer, but his familiar talk of two hours and a quarter proved not only very entertaining and enjoyable, but also suggestive and instructive in a high degree, the "Acres of Diamonds" which are to be found in every community being ingeniously uncovered, and their value demonstrated by many pointed illustrations and anecdotes. The Colonel may be sure of a crowded house when he comes this way again. The next entertainment in the course will be given by the Schumann Ladies' Quartette and Prof. L. L. Hyerson, next Wednesday evening, and a very enjoyable concert may be expected. A few good reserved seats are still left, and these will be put on sale Monday morning at the post office, at 25 cents each.

ACCIDENT AT THE STATE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

A sad accident, resulting in the death of one of the boys, occurred at the state primary school last Saturday. Out on the playground a number were engaged in a game of hockey, and Fred Adams, a boy 15 years of age, though not playing with the others, was knocking a block about the yard. At one stroke his stick slipped from his hand, and at the same time the block struck a 12-year-old boy by the name of George Barry, hitting him slightly. Barry picked up the hockey stick, and whirling it around his head threw it at Adams, striking him over the right eye, and making a deep gash about an inch and a half long. He was taken to the hospital, but was not considered in a dangerous condition until Sunday morning. He grew rapidly worse, and died of congestion of the brain Sunday evening. Neither boy was of a quarrelsome disposition, and no blame is attached to any one, it being one of those accidents liable to occur at any time where a large number of children are playing together.

A SUMMER RESORT AT NEWELL'S POND.

A summer resort where people of this vicinity can go for a day or week or longer, is to be opened next summer at Newell's Pond, W. R. Harvey of Springfield having bought some 75 acres on the south side of the pond, including the spot occupied by campers-out from this village for years past. A barn and stables have already been built, and contracts have been let for a pavilion, skating rink, restaurant, and a number of cottages, several of which are already engaged for the coming season. Boats will be put on the pond, swings, etc., erected, and everything possible done for the comfort and convenience of visitors. The Boston & Albany road has promised a spur track and station near the grounds. The place is expected to be opened about June 15th, and Mr. Harvey announces that no liquors of any kind will be sold or allowed on the premises, which will no doubt do much toward making his place attractive. The people of Palmer have long wanted some place of this kind near at hand where they could go for a day's recreation without taking a long railroad ride, and will no doubt give this one generous support. Palmer, with its pleasant drives, railroads, clear air, and easy accommodations to all points, is getting to be quite a favorite resort for summer visitors from the cities, and will grow to be a still greater one if the thing is only rightly managed.

UNION TEMPERANCE MEETING.

The union temperance meeting at the Congregational church last Sunday night proved to be a very interesting one. Rev. Mr. Hunter presided, Rev. Mr. Perry read the scriptures and Rev. Mr. Hunt offered prayer. Rev. Mr. Perry was the first speaker. He said he should vote on the morrow, although he did not believe so much in legal means as in moral and educational, nor was he a friend of local option laws. He said he should vote "no" for two reasons: He wished to have no responsibility for the sale of any liquor in our town during the coming year. If it was sold it would be in spite of him and not with his consent. Against every opponent of the temperance cause, together with some excellent people, would vote "yes". They knew what was good for their side of the question. Hence he must vote "no".

Rev. Mr. Hunt followed, declaring that it was not expedient for him to vote "yes", not expedient in the highest sense, that it did not compare well with his work as a Christian minister. He also said that his conscience forbade his voting "yes".

Rev. Mr. Hunter asserted that not consistently could he vote "yes", not consistently with his conscience, his work and his purposes as a minister of the gospel. He also said that he could not ask God's blessing upon a "yes" vote. He declared that he preferred "free ram" to license, and

that if there were "free ram," moral and educational means could receive better results.

The next meeting will probably be held at the Baptist church.

AT THE RINK.

The rink was well filled last Friday evening at the exhibition of fancy skating by Miles King and Annie Thompson of Rockville, Ct. Though only 12 years of age, they gave by far the best exhibition of fancy skating yet seen at the rink, being easy and graceful in all their movements. They were recalled several times, and should they ever come again, will be welcomed with a full house.

The third game of polo was witnessed by a good audience on Tuesday evening, and was the most exciting of the series. The teams were composed as follows:

PALMER'S GOAL.			
Sullivan	Referee, Ed. Brown	McManamy	Goal
Shannon		Chandler	
Woodrich		Higgins	
Johnson			

CONVICTS' GOAL.

In the first goal both rusters reached the ball about the same time, but Royce secured it, though it was quickly recovered and carried to the Palmer's goal, where it was kept the most of the time until Hoyt caged it by a lucky side shot; time 12 minutes and 15 seconds. Royce got the ball first in the second rush, and passed it to McManamy, who missed it; Chandler secured it and passed to Hoyt, who struck it in; time 15 seconds. Royce also secured the ball in the third rush, and for the next nine minutes the ball and players were all over the floor and the Palmer's very nearly made a goal, but Hoyt finally had the ball sent to him, and rolled it into the cage with a fine side hit; time 9 minutes 25 seconds. The team was then presented with a handsome embroidered banner of red silk, which had been worked for them by young ladies.

The private party last evening was a grand success. A splendid time was enjoyed by all, and the managers have received many requests that it be repeated.

TOWN MATTERS.

The town meeting on Monday developed the least interest that has been manifested in many years. Only one ticket for town officers was brought out—a thing almost never heard of before—and there was consequently little interest and no excitement. The list of officers elected is as follows:

Selectmen and Overseers of Poor—Charles D. Holbrook, Charles L. Holden, Joseph Kerigan. Assessors—David Knox, T. D. Potter, Jerre Dutton. School Committee for 3 years—Shas Ruggles, H. A. Smith.

Constables—H. A. Northrop, J. A. Palmer, P. M. Shearer, Samuel Brown, Franklin Barker, E. H. Truesdell, Butler Sedgwick, H. D. Shaw. Free Viewers—R. S. Hastings, H. C. Smith, W. H. Brainard.

Field Drivers—J. R. Wellman, Alfred Tremble, Jerre Holden, M. C. Muloney, John Mulroy, Enos Calkins, F. C. Allen. Surveyors of Land—F. C. Allen, T. D. Potter, George S. Stone, H. T. Bishop, Joseph Thompson, H. L. Bond.

Messengers of Wood and Bark—F. C. Allen, M. D. Muloney, E. G. Burdick, H. P. May, J. R. Knox, S. W. Smith, H. L. Bond, A. L. Haynes, H. T. Bishop. Saler of Weights and Measures—E. G. Mulock. Auditors—G. C. Bull and H. G. Loomis. Tax Collector—Eldridge Wood.

The vote for selectmen stood as follows: C. D. Holbrook 392, scattering 43, Joseph Kerigan 392, scattering 46, divided among 15 names. The highest number of votes cast for any one candidate was 429, constables Sedgwick, Truesdell and Shearer each receiving that number.

The advocates of license carried the day easily, by a vote of 281 yeas to 132 noes. Action on most of the articles in the warrant was postponed to an adjourned meeting to be held on the 30th inst.

The town reports were received just in time to be passed around at the meeting. There should be more time allowed for their printing, and this cannot well be done unless the annual meeting is held a week or two later.

The town owes less than \$600, and has in the treasury and due from various sources \$4011.

The school committee call attention to the fact that in the matter of school attendance this town occupies a low place, compared with other towns in the state, and urge upon parents the importance of proper schooling for their children, even at the expense of the pittance they may earn by outside labor. The committee also urge upon the town the necessity of providing a suitable building for the high school. This is an important matter which must have attention soon, for as the committee well say, our high school "can never take its proper rank until it is provided with a fit and suitable building." The committee's financial report is as follows: Total receipts, \$15,332. Expenditures—Teachers' salaries, \$9812; fuel, \$1078; care of houses, \$565; repairs, \$730; text books and supplies, \$1687; contingencies, \$551; committees' salaries, \$600; total, \$15,034. They recommend these appropriations: Teachers, \$10,000; fuel, \$1100; care of houses, \$600; repairs, \$500; books and supplies, \$1000; contingencies, \$800; salaries, \$600; total, \$14,600.

The compensation of the tax collector was fixed at \$150. A discount of 6 per cent was voted on all taxes paid before September 1st, and interest at the rate of 6 per cent will be added on all taxes not paid before November 1st.

WEST BRIMFIELD.

Meetings are held every Sunday at the chapel at 1.30 p. m., also evening meetings at 7 o'clock. All are cordially invited.

LUDLOW.

The ladies of the Congregational church realized about \$20 at their annual town meeting dinner. The parish is extending the ell to the parsonage eight feet.

HAMPDEN.

Theodore Griswold killed an immense woodchuck a week ago last Saturday. It is very early in the season for these fellows to get out of their holes, and that is where this one missed it.

WEST WARREN.

Geo. L. Roekwell, broker, has sold the Fay farm in Starbridge belonging to John Bosworth of Warren, to J. R. Ayer & J. O. Amherst; also exchanged the Dennis Murphy farm in Palmer, stock and tools, for a house on Hampden avenue in Monson, belonging to M. D. Moulton.

WILBRAHAM.

The following officers were chosen at the annual parish meeting of the Congregational society: Parish committee, Dea. Phineas Knowlton, John Speight, Thobert Bliss; clerk, H. M. Bliss; treasurer, C. E. Peck; auditor, F. C. Clark; financial committee, Henry Clark. \$1800 was voted for the running expenses of the church.

At a recent meeting of the farmers' club held in Glendale, the subject of poultry was discussed, and the following figures will show that there is money in even so "fowl" a business as poultry: Mrs. Davis had kept 180 hens and had received for eggs, \$260.20; for spring chicks, \$39.60; for an increase of stock, \$44.10. It cost \$194.35 for their food, and she has the snug little sum of 203.55 for her trouble, a net profit of \$11.11 per head. The fowls are about 3 1/2 Plymouth Rock blood. The next was Mrs. O. F. Benedict, who reported on 40 Brown Leghorns, for three months: Eggs in December, 806; January, 852; February, 906; total, 213 dozen. These were sold for 33 cents per dozen, which amounted to \$70.20, and it cost \$18.40 to keep the fowls, thus leaving a balance of \$51.80 for three months. This same lady raised 180 chicks from 182 hatched, and reported one hen as laying 117 eggs in 53 consecutive days.

WALEs. Emily Lee and John Moran received severe bruises recently, in the Wales mill, by getting their hands caught in the machinery.

The insolvency court has ordered H. A. McFarland, assignee of the estate of Eden D. Shaw, to pay a dividend of 84 per cent to preferred creditors, and payment will be made at any time after next Wednesday. The home of Samuel B. Perry in the south part of the town, was burned about 2 o'clock on the afternoon of the 10th inst. with the furniture etc. The fire must have taken from a spark from the chimney, as when discovered there was no fire outside or inside within 10 feet of the chimney. The only fire was on the shingles, and under good headway, when discovered, Mr. P. was in the woods two miles from home, and the only persons there were his wife and daughter. After using all their efforts to extinguish the flames by pouring water from the scuttle in the roof, seeing it was all in vain they went to throwing out beds and clothing through the windows, and succeeded in getting most of it out, but the wind blew the fire upon them, and before they could get them to places of safety, a greater part of them were burned. Only one bed out of six was saved, and hardly any clothing. The house was insured for about \$700, no insurance on the contents, which loss will be a severe blow to Mr. P. in his old age. The house was a good one, and could not be replaced less than \$1500.

BELCHERTOWN.

The homestead of the late Jonathan Webber will be sold at auction next Tuesday.

Rev. S. G. Hastings will soon close his labors with the Baptist church in this place, and remove to Jewett City, Ct.

The Baptist society have elected these officers: Clerk, Dea. Henry Graves; treasurer, Alanson Curtis; solicitor, Herbert F. Curtis; parish committee, Nelson Randall, Nelson Barrett and Henry Graves.

These officers were chosen at the adjourned town meeting on Monday: Assessors, Enoch Burnett, William Burnett, A. C. Shaw; treasurer, Edward S. Bridgman; constables, William Burnett, D. F. Shumway, E. A. R. Fairfield, L. V. B. Cook, Merrick Whitney, Charles F. Barnard, Nathan Bond, W. J. Walker, John F. Hobart and Ira Wood; fence viewers, A. C. Shaw, Alonzo Randall and L. V. B. Cook; messengers of wood, E. R. Bridgman, Henry Canterbury, William E. Thompson, Thomas Jencks, L. V. B. Cook, Homer Pratt, Francis Blackmer, E. S. Snow, Andrew Bartlett, G. B. Weston, Dexter Bruce, Nathan Bond, George Knights, Enoch Burnett, L. V. Gold and Homer Pratt; field drivers, Orin Sikes, Josiah Miller and George Lincoln; trustee of the Calvin Bridgman fund for three years, Samuel Allen; auditor, Samuel Allen. The following are the appropriations for the ensuing year: Schools \$3800, repairs and furnishing school houses \$100, town and pauper expenses \$4250, public debt and interest \$2500, highways and bridges, \$1800. J. R. Gould and Dennison Stebbins were chosen to defend the interests of the town in the suit brought by the town of Cummington for support of Angia Richards at Northampton; an unsuccessful attempt was made to reduce the school year from 32 to 24 weeks; the selectmen are to appoint a man in each school district to care for the roads; a discount of 3 per cent was voted on all taxes paid before Sept. 1st, and Ira Woods is collector with a compensation of \$125.

THORNDIKE.

Colds seem to be epidemic in this village, nearly every family having a case on hand. Commercial street has its full quota of sickness. Five of our oldest citizens are prostrated, and we are sorry to add some of them are dangerously ill.

A dispatch was received at the company's office last Tuesday announcing the death of Fred Johnson, who for several years was boss dyer at the Thorndike mills.

The body of Johanna Donahue, aged 10 years, who was drowned at Duckville last Friday, was recovered Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The funeral took place Sunday.

A French carpenter filled with the ardent, not finding his wife handy on which to vent his spleen, dashed his hand through a pane of glass, causing a severe wound. He was arrested and conveyed to Palmer. Four men were required to hold him while his arm was dressed. He paid his fine and is now doing penance.

William Hastings, aged 57 years, died last Saturday morning about 4 o'clock. His death was caused by congestion of the lungs, and he was confined to the house but one week. Mr. Hastings was the oldest overseer in practice in the Thorndike Co.'s mills, having been in their employ over 30 years. He was universally liked, and by careful management had amassed a competence of about \$40,000. The funeral services were held Monday afternoon in the Congregational church, Rev. Mr. Hunter of Palmer officiating. Thomas Lodge, F. & A. M., of Palmer, was present in a body. A number of friends were present, and Agent Greene closed the mills during the

service to allow the employees an opportunity of testifying their appreciation of the deceased by their presence. The church was packed and the services impressive. A beautiful floral pillow, the gift of employees of his rooms, graced the head of his casket. The desk was also covered with a profusion of immortelles, lilies and other flowers. The loss of a citizen such as Mr. Hastings was cannot be easily estimated. He has been an active worker in this community for the past 40 years, and there were few dry eyes when the body was viewed previous to removal.

MONSON.

Annual town meeting Monday, April 6th, at the M. E. church vestry.

Patrick McDonald has bought the R. O. Fenton place on High street.

Arba Squier has the frame up for a new dwelling house on Pease avenue.

By request Rev. Mr. Hammett will preach next Sunday evening on "The Rich Man and Lazarus".

The Dorcas society will, at a future date, hold a fair in Central Hall. Further particulars hereafter.

The selectmen are busy with the annual report, and intend to have it out for public inspection April 1st.

The Flynt Granite Co. await the opening of spring in order to commence work upon their quarries.

Rev. J. O. Knowles will lecture at the Methodist church next Friday evening on "Fraud and Shams".

Orders to the amount of \$618 have been given the past year for state and indigent aid to soldiers and their widows.

Monson is becoming somewhat like Cincinnati in respect to the desire of good men for jurors who wish their names left off the list.

The ladies' benevolent society of the M. E. church met with Mrs. Wilbur Fay this evening. A good social time may be expected.

A new school house in district No. 1 and possibly another in district No. 10 will be matters for consideration at the April town meeting.

C. M. Ward has sold his stock of groceries and general merchandise to Lambert E. Perry who will continue the business at the old stand of C. E. Bills.

Mrs. Lottie H. Lewis is in New York city scanning the novelties in millinery, and procuring supplies for a first-class stock with which to accommodate the public.

The committee who selected the gas fixtures for the town hall are to be congratulated upon their success, as a richer or more tasty selection would be hard to find.

The town will be asked to accept the new road as laid out from the house of Willie Ballington to the intersection of Pearl and State streets, the new street to be called East State street.

The outlook for the gentle spring poet is not first-class at present in this vicinity, and the persons who dedicate their flights of fancy to the "beautiful snow," have a decided advantage.

The Gage & Reynolds straw works are having a decided boom in business at present, and will require an increased force of girls in their sewing department to enable them to meet their orders.

Any of your old plugs are good frames to build on. Water's Condition Powders will build up and down animal more than anything else known. Water's Powders are a dead shot for worms. Sold in Palmer by H. P. Allen.

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RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$291,833.41
Overdrafts	100.00
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	150,000.00
Due from approved reserve agents	30,738.64
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	4,300.00
Current expenses and taxes paid	2,719.79
Premiums paid	21,000.00
Checks and other cash items	348.34
Bills of other banks	4,100.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and pennies	36.26
Specie	10,663.00
Legal tender notes	1,250.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer, (5% of circulation)	6,750.00
TOTAL	\$523,828.81

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$200,000.00
Surplus fund	40,000.00
Undivided profits	14,947.92
National Bank notes outstanding	185,000.00
Dividends unpaid	57.00
Individual deposits subject to check	30,316.74
Deposits of other banks	45,681.25
Due to other National Banks	1,225.57
TOTAL	\$523,828.81

State of Mass., County of Hampden, ss. I, Chas. B. Fisk, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Due from approved reserve agents	12,736.20
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	3,551.40
Current expenses and taxes paid	2,400.00
Premiums paid	580.00
Checks and other cash items	1,825.00
Bills of other banks	1,825.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and pennies	107.00
Specie	2,234.35
Legal tender notes	2,610.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer, (5% of circulation)	7,250.00
TOTAL	\$413,012.21

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$150,000.00
Surplus fund	30,000.00
Undivided profits	4,941.77
National Bank notes outstanding	142,620.00
Dividends unpaid	1,257.00
Individual deposits subject to check	44,125.71
Deposits of other banks	4,052.32
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LEGISLATIVE MATTERS.

From our Special Correspondent.

BOSTON, March 25th, 1885.

Important measures are being introduced into the Legislature, and there will now be no end of lively topics till Secretary Pierce comes in and declares the General Court prorogued to the Tuesday before the first Wednesday of January next. As important a topic as any relating to the business interests of the people, which has been presented this week, is the bill to regulate assessment insurance. Last year, your readers will remember, an attempt was made to pass a restrictive bill, but the committee was divided, six to five, and the pressure from interested companies was sufficient to prevent the passage of a law. This year the committee has been cautious. It has had numerous hearings and has collected evidence that some of the companies supposed to be among the best of those managed on the assessment plan, have failed to pay to the families of the insured the amount they expected they would receive. It is evident that something must be done for the protection of the policyholders, and this bill, if passed, will make a revolution in the business. It puts all the assessment companies under the supervision of the insurance commissioner. But its most important provision is that which compels the association to name a specific sum which it will pay in case of the death, sickness or injury of the insured, instead of permitting a simple agreement to pay the insured the proceeds of an assessment. If the company does not pay the sum within 30 days of when it is due, the commissioner shall notify it not to issue any more policies till the debt is paid, and if the commissioner thinks the company cannot pay all its debts within three months, steps must be taken to close up the business. "Graveyard" insurance is forbidden, and all lodges and fraternal associations are exempt from the law. This afternoon the bill was advanced one stage by the House without a word of debate.

After a sharp debate in both Senate and House, the bill was passed which discontinues the present policy of leasing the great ponds of the state to private parties. It has been found that the purpose of the law to develop the food fishes of the state has not been attained, but that the ponds have become the private preserves of the parties who have leased them, while all the people who live in their vicinity are deprived from the rights and privileges of fishing. I hear it suggested that the governor may veto the bill, and that there is much opposition to it in some parts of the state. The bill to establish a metropolitan police commission for Boston has been on the table for several days, but an attempt on Tuesday to take it up and make it an assignment for Wednesday, was defeated by a vote of 79 to 94. Though this is not an absolute indication, yet it has a bad look for the friends of the bill. Probably it will be kept on the table till the House is ready to take up the bill to change the charter of Boston.

One short speech was made in support of the constitutional amendment for the abolition of the poll tax as a suffrage qualification, but the leader of the minority of the committee, Representative Raitt of Salem, has been ill at home, and partly on his account the matter has been laid temporarily on the table.

A petition was presented some time ago by the well-known E. H. Heywood of Princeton, for a repeal of the law of last year, providing for free text-books for public schools, but the education committee has made an adverse report, and there is no slight chance that the law will be repealed. The report was accepted by the Senate this afternoon.

No action has been reached by the education committee upon the petitions for scientific temperance instruction in the public schools. It is likely to be reported for several days, for a private attempt is being made to get at the opinion of prominent persons through the state. It is not likely that the petitioners will get just the bill which they want, but something will probably be reported, though there is no way yet of learning the temper of the whole Legislature.

One of the minor matters which will be of interest to the agricultural communities of the state is the bill to amend the reporting of contagious diseases among domestic animals. A person who knows of such a disease, but does not give the information to the local authorities, is liable to a fine of not more than \$500, and in a case and fails to report, the commissioner on contagious diseases, shall be liable to the same penalty. No opposition has yet appeared to the bill.

The much advertised project of getting the state to guarantee five million of bonds to be issued upon the completion of a railroad bridge across the Hudson at Storm King, has got as far as the presentation of the desired bill. It nominally protects the interests of the state, and the counsel of the petitioners, Major "Tewksbury" Brown, says they will be glad to accept any further restrictions the Legislature may seek to impose. The state's guarantee is not to be given until the bridge and ten miles of road are approved by the Massachusetts railroad commissioners, and the company is to pay \$50,000 a year into the state's treasury as a sinking fund. For all this, the temper of the members seems to be that the state has been in the railroad business long enough, and will keep out of it in the future.

By the close vote of 81 to 74, the House has finally acted favorably upon the bill to retire the judges of the supreme court at the age of seventy years, if they have been in ten years of consecutive service, upon three-fourths of their present salary of \$6000. It was strongly opposed upon the ground that it was the first step in the establishment of a civil pension list in the state. On the other side it was argued that the honorarium service of the judges and their pension, and that if this inducement to retire were offered them, then younger men could be put on the bench. An attempt was made to strike out the ten-year provision, out of honor to Judge Devens, but it failed.

This afternoon the House had another scene over the matter of investigating the expenditures of the state house commission and the sergeant-at-arms. Mr. Hartwell of Poughkeepsie introduced an order for a joint investigation by the Senate and House with power to send for persons and papers, and it was laid over to Thursday on request of Mr. Gove of Boston. If this is adopted, it will throw the matter into the hands of the Republicans and enable the chairman of the committee, which it would appear unbecomingly to do, if the House should be called upon to pass Mr. Cross's order. When the question came on reconsidering the adoption of the order that the auditor furnish copies of the Senate and House department of the sergeant-at-arms, there were charges by the Democrats that the Republicans were cracking the party whip, in charging the auditor with motives, very probably saying it was with themselves. Finally the order was voted down by a large majority, only one voice being given in favor of it.

LANSOX.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

Quite spring like.

Fast Day next Thursday.

Lots of drinks in the past two weeks.

New maple sugar will soon be in the market.

Col. Trafts made a short visit in town yesterday.

Dusty on Main street, but muddy every where else.

The high school closed to-day for a vacation of two weeks.

Rev. Mr. Hunt preaches next Sunday on the "Freeness of Salvation."

There will be a communion service in the Congregational church on Fast Day.

Elder M. A. Potter of Worcester will preach at the Advent chapel next Sunday.

The reading circle meets this evening with Mrs. Charles Holbrook on Knox street.

The Palmer National Bank pays its stockholders a 3 per cent semi-annual dividend April 1st.

The annual meeting of St. Paul's parish will be held next Monday evening at 7.30 at the chapel.

We received a very pleasant call from Brother King, late of the Milford Gazette, on Wednesday.

Rev. Albert Hammett of Monson will preach the pulpit of St. Paul's church next Sunday evening.

Fast Day will be observed by the banks next Thursday, but probably not by the churches. Quaker, isn't it?

Lawley Keith met with a painful accident at Foster's Mills on Tuesday, a large log rolling upon him and breaking his leg.

The column of ice into which the water from a fountain in E. Brown's yard has frozen presents a very pretty appearance.

A. L. Hills has been quite sick for a week, but is now able to out, and has gone to Boston for a few days' recreation.

Don't be too lavish in laying on the taxes next Monday, gentlemen voters. Remember that pocket books are not very plenteous this year.

Arrangements are being made for a grand hall to be held on the evening of April 10th, which is intended to eclipse any thing ever given in town.

The town reports for Monson, Brimfield and Holland are in the hands of the printer, and will be issued from the JOURNAL job office next week.

Clark & Hastings wish it understood that they do not retelling at their office in this village, this branch being devoted exclusively to the wholesale trade.

Miss Anna Whitcomb has gone home with her sister, Mrs. W. H. Lowe, who resides in Cheyenne, Wyoming. She will probably be away several months.

Really, it is shameful! Here we are, almost the last of March, and not a single blue-bird, robin, apple blossom, trailing arbutus or spring poet heard from yet.

A little girl in town whose father had a dog with a very short tail, on being asked what made the dog's tail so short, replied: "Oh, it's long enough, only the rest of it is driven in."

Remember that the adjourned town meeting comes next Monday, and he on hand with your voice and vote, as there are a number of important articles to come up for consideration.

The tramps fight shy of Palmer now that they are compelled to work for their lodging. The plan has worked first-rate, and now the town of Wales is to fall into line with the same arrangement.

That members of the Salvation Army have thought Palmer worthy of some attention is shown from the signs "Prepare to meet thy God," etc., which appear to the passer-by on the fences along the roads.

The audience at the Congregational church suffered considerably from coal gas in the room last Sabbath, but the cause has been found and remedied, and no more trouble from that source is apprehended.

As yet no one has been found willing to carry the mail from the B. & A. road to the post office at the price the government is willing to pay. They say the business does not warrant an offer of over \$365 for the year, and no one will take it for that.

The Flynt Building and Construction Co. has commenced work on the exhibition room in their office. It will contain over 400 specimens of work, each piece from a different source, and when finished will be the finest office room in this section, if not in New England.

H. R. Stoughton writes: "I cannot get along without the JOURNAL, even in Alabama." That is what the majority of people find who move away from this vicinity. The JOURNAL furnishes them a greater variety of home news than they get in letters from friends.

But few persons were on the street yesterday afternoon, and you would have thought that not more than a baker's dozen were within calling distance, but a lively dog fight brought from one to three heads to every window and door on Main street in just 13 seconds, actual time.

"Allatona," the five-act military drama which the Grand Army post have had in rehearsal for some time, will be presented at Wales Hall this and to-morrow evenings, with appropriate scenery, effects, etc. This is by far the heaviest piece ever attempted by local talent, and will be well worth seeing.

We would be very grateful to our readers if they would inform us of any news items which they may happen to know. Especially would we request those in the surrounding towns to send us the happenings of their neighborhood, as it is impossible for our reporter to get them all. Help your local paper by sending us the news.

The band will play at the rink next Tuesday evening, after which date the time will be changed back to Wednesday evening, and an effort will be made to have music on Saturday evenings also. The Bondsville band will play one week from to-morrow. The home polo team will probably play a game with the Gilbertville team on April 11th at the rink here.

The case of George Barry, who caused the death of another lad at the state primary school by a blow from a stick, was heard before Judge Robinson this week. Agent Benton being present, and he was sent to Tewksbury for the remainder of his minority. That the death was the unexpected result of an accident, and was not the result of malice, there was no doubt.

There ought to be more police officers in the village. There are but two active officers, and one or both are away a good share of the time on business out of the place, and the chances are more than even that you can't find one of them if you want an officer in a hurry. There ought to be regular police officers in the village, there must be, and there will be—in 1901.

The following happened in this village a few days ago: Farmer's girl appears at door and wants to sell some eggs which her father has in his wagon outside. Economical housewife says: "Tell him I can't pay but 27 cents a dozen; can get all I want at that price." Girl disappears and in a moment comes back with the information that "she don't ask but 25 cents and don't want any more."

Last Friday night was as cold and disagreeable as any we have had this season, although the mercury did not get very low. A biting north wind blew all Friday afternoon and night, and frozen water pipes were numerous the next morning. The wind continued through the day Saturday, cleaning the streets of all loose dust, paper, etc., and making it exceedingly disagreeable for those who were compelled to be out of doors.

The concert by the Brown University Glee Club at Wales Hall next Friday evening will make a very titting and enjoyable supplement to the course of lectures which closes Wednesday evening. The club comprises nine members, including a whistler and warbler, and it is only necessary to say they are college boys to insure the popularity of their concert. There is a breezy freshness, a rollicking jollity in their singing such as can be found in no other class of music. Reserved seat tickets will go on sale at the post office next Monday, and can also be obtained at the counting rooms in Three Rivers and Thorndike. The club should be welcomed by a full house.

A large audience listened to the pleasant entertainment given Wednesday evening at Wales Hall by the Ladies' Schumann Quartette and Prof. L. L. Ryerson of Boston. The ladies of the quartette have well-trained voices, and while they made no attempt at artistic "frills," they sang in excellent taste, their voices blending and harmonizing finely, and their work was characterized by that very desirable but very rare characteristic among singers—a perfectly clear and distinct enunciation of their words. Prof. Ryerson pleased "the boys" much with his comicalities, some of his character sketches being very nicely done. The closing lecture in the course will be given next Wednesday evening by Rev. J. H. Vincent, D. D., of New Haven, the famous Chautauque orator. Rev. Alex. McKenzie was expected to deliver the next lecture, but is unable to come at present, and the committee are fortunate in being able to secure in his stead Dr. Vincent, one of the ablest speakers on the platform. His subject will be "That Boy," one of his most popular lectures, and nobody should miss the opportunity to hear this gifted speaker.

WARREN. Town meeting next Monday. M. K. Whipple has gone to New Orleans. W. H. Shepard is moving into Ben Earl's tenement.

The next medical meeting will be with Dr. Charles DeLand. Crescent division cleared nearly \$29 at their recent dramatic entertainment. The slips at the Universalist church will be rented Fast Day.

Tarbell Brothers have purchased the clothing store of Willis & Co. H. C. Spooner has sold his furniture business, and will remove to Holyoke.

Rev. Mr. Beaman will again occupy the pulpit of Rev. Mr. Forbes next Sunday. Jerome Gould is to remove to the cheese factory and have charge for the coming year.

Rev. Mr. Kimball gave a good temperance lecture at the town hall Thursday evening.

Miss Annie E. Hills, principal of the grammar school, has accepted a position in Waltham.

All the public schools will commence next week. Miss Patrick and Miss Hills will not return.

Wilson H. Fairbanks has bought the machinery belonging to the Tripp, Mara & Co. boot shop.

Dea. Jennings met with a severe accident a few days ago by slipping on the ice. One hip was badly injured.

J. H. Adams has gone to New Orleans to visit the exposition. He will probably be away two or three weeks.

Wonder who it is that is breeding Plymouth Rocks from a cross between a "Post Driver" and a Guinea hen?

There is considerable moving this season, and there would be a great deal more if decent tenements could be found.

John W. Tyler has given fifty dollars to the public library, the amount of his salary as road commissioner for the past year.

The old folks' concert Wednesday evening was well received by a good audience. A duet by Lottie Russell and Charlie Nichols, and "Guns in Jeddah" received encores.

The Makepeace farm was sold to Edward Patrick for \$5500. His assistant in the milk business will take the place occupied by Mr. Patrick, who will sell his place in the village and occupy the farm.

The W. C. T. U. met at Mrs. O. J. Darling's Thursday afternoon. This society donated five dollars, and Mrs. Josiah Hitchcock two dollars to the W. C. T. U. booth, in the Women's department at the New Orleans exposition.

Rev. Albert Hammett will preach next Sunday morning on "Sacrifice."

Rev. Albert Hammett exchanges with Rev. Mr. Perry of Palmer next Sunday evening.

Rev. Alex. Dight will preach next Sunday morning at 10.30 on the subject of temperance.

The graded schools No. 1 and No. 8 will begin on Monday March 30th. All the other schools will begin on Monday, April 6th.

The Methodist and Congregational societies will unite in a Fast Day service at the M. E. church on Fast Day at 10.30 a. m.

At the sale of pews at the Congregational church last Wednesday evening the usual amount was taken at premiums ranging from \$1 to \$5.

Rev. Dr. Alden, secretary of the American board of missions, is expected to preach in the Congregational church next Sunday morning and evening.

It looks now as though we had escaped the period of bringing in bills for "breaking roads," which of late years were making a serious inroad on the treasury.

The Wyndham Amateur Comedy Company will present the drama "Time and the Hour," at Central Hall on Easter Monday night, followed by a social dance.

The young people's social union will give a so-called party at the M. E. church next Wednesday evening. A short entertainment will be given, and ice cream, fruit, confectionery, etc., will be on sale.

Mr. Editor:—I notice in your last week's issue that Leonard Aldrich, late warden at the Monson town farm, goes to a similar position May 1st, with an increased salary. If he performs similar service as when here an increase would be one of the things to be expected.

X. X. The women's foreign missionary society will hold a public meeting in the M. E. church next Thursday evening commencing at 7.30. There will be an address by Miss Cushman, a returned missionary from China. An interesting feature of the occasion will be the representation of a Chinese family dressed in native costume. In the afternoon there will be a social meeting at 3 o'clock in the same place. Admission free. A collection will be taken in the evening to defray expenses.

At the Universalist social next Friday evening in Central Hall special attractions will be offered. In addition to the usual supper a musical and literary entertainment will be given. The wonderful child reader, Katie Cornell of New London, only 10 years old, will render several humorous and sentimental selections in costume. The annual town report is printed, and will be ready for distribution to-morrow evening, thus giving the voters ample time to see what has been done the past year before going to the polls on April 6th. Copies may be had at the clerk's office, and at the store of W. N. Flynt & Sons. From the report we find that the amount appropriated by the town was \$18,412.89, and the selectmen have paid out \$19,350.87, as follows: For schools, \$7,794.80; new

Griffin, treasurer; F. Angelier, secretary; J. T. Lindsay, leader; J. F. Hayes, business manager.

School commenced Monday with Mrs. Washburn as teacher.

Mr. Sanderson has been at home sick for the past week.

Some hunters from Palmer thought to show us how to hunt. They came the first of the week and succeeded in tracking Mr. Fox, but did not get him. They tried the next day and the next, without success, till Friday when the dogs got tired of the fun and gave it up. The hunters came home two hours later after firing five shots at his foxship, but failed to bag him.

NORTH WILBRAHAM. Ice in the river is 22 inches in thickness. The public schools throughout the town begin April 6th.

Mrs. J. M. Perry and family are visiting friends in Boston.

Preaching at Grace chapel next Sunday by Rev. M. S. Howard at 2 and 5.30 p. m.

The Republican and citizens' caucuses are called for April 3d and 4th respectively, at Music Hall at 7.30 p. m.

There will be a reading by Miss Marion Sterns of Springfield and music by a trio and quartette at Grace chapel next Wednesday evening.

Henry Cutler and family attended the 54th birthday gathering of his mother, Mrs. Mary F. Cutler of South Framingham, on Monday.

THORNDIKE. A public meeting will be held in this place under the auspices of Rising Sun division, No. 73, S. of T., next Tuesday evening. Rev. Alfred Noon, P. G. W. P., of Newburyport will speak. All invited.

Roller skating is getting to be quite the rage with the young people of this village, and there has been considerable talk of the erection of a rink here, it being reported that several parties were anxious to build one.

The following officers, Sons of Temperance, have been elected for the ensuing quarter: W. M. Howard Shaw; W. A. Ada Clark; R. S. Wm. Trumbull; Asst. R. S. Sny Page; F. S. E. O. King; treasurer, Fred Carter; chaplain, John Robinson; conductor, Joseph Lyons; Asst. Com. Lizzie Phillips; L. S. Willie Smith.

THREE RIVERS. N. K. Rogers is building a barn at the rear end of his residence on the Palmer road.

E. N. Tupper arrived home yesterday from Florida, where he has been stopping for the past few months.

Three Rivers people think that as a specimen of colossal cheek a certain recently published report concerning the heating of school rooms during the past winter, is unquestionably entitled to the first prize.

The Sunday school concert at the Baptist church last Sunday was largely attended. The usual evening service at the Union chapel will be held, quite a good number of that congregation were present.

The exercises were interesting and enjoyable, judging from the good attention given by the large audience and the many expressions of satisfaction.

WALES. Rev. B. B. Gibbs formerly of Catskill, N. Y., commenced his labors as pastor of the Baptist church last Sabbath.

Warren parties have leased the valley mill of E. Shaw and will manufacture goods similar to those now made at the Warren mill.

H. A. McFarland, assignee of the estate of E. D. Shaw, has paid the workmen dividends of 84 per cent, and they are much rejoiced.

Tramps invade the town. Seven at a time have been put up over night. Preparation is being made to give them a little exercise in the morning to give them an appetite for their next meal.

Names of scholars neither tardy nor absent in the centre schools: Grammar department, Lyman Royce, Harry Dimmick, Harry Cody, Bertie Tarbell, Cora Dimmick, Cynthia Willis, Gertrude Flint, Emily Lewis; primary department, Maggie Brannick, Annie Lewis, Mary Lewis, Katie Brannick, Freddie Nelson, Arthur Welbridge, Martin Switzer, Walter Brannick.

EAST LONGMEADOW. An annual amount of sickness has prevailed for the past few weeks.

Sidney Chapin and Frank Champlain have gone to Canada to purchase horses.

James & Mara have just received at their quarries three new heavy hoisting engines to be used in handling stone.

E. L. R. Endicott has been re-elected as teacher of this high school for next term, instead of Mrs. Endicott as the types had it.

Rev. A. I. Dutton, who has been pastor of the Congregational church for 15 years, read his resignation March 18th. Ill health, it is said, is partly the cause of his resigning, as his physician recommends a much needed rest. The resignation was accepted by the church last Sunday, to take effect July 1st.

The Lyceum closed a successful term Friday evening, and an audience of nearly 300 gathered in the town hall to listen to a fine programme, consisting of an address by Rev. J. H. Gaylord, followed by music, declamations, reading, discussion, etc., concluding with a review by J. S. Beebe. The meeting was adjourned until the first week of December next.

HAMPDEN. The business prospects are rather dull just now.

Silas Harris cut his foot very badly last week while chopping wood on the mountain, and was unable to walk home.

A. O. Thresher has hauled a kiln of birch and maple wood this week to the Hazard Powder Co. for making powder; and his dog is making havoc with the early wood chucks.

The snow and ice have left the roads and lots, but there is plenty in the woods frozen hard, which is holding back the water and makes us short for that necessary power in the small mills.

A sensation is now going the rounds of the papers to the effect that the Chaffee family are claimants of the French claims bill. As there are several different families of the name in town, some of them may be fortunate enough to draw a lucky number in the lottery, but all these claims may turn out as did the Chase fortune 12 years ago, which was that of three brothers of that

name who came to this country from England in the seventeenth century, leaving other relatives behind who have since died, leaving a fortune of \$120,000,000 in the Bank of England. William Chase, of whom A. H. Thompson of this place is a direct descendant, was the first to come to this country. He came over with the fleet which brought Gov. Winthrop and his colony in 1630, and settled first in Roxbury, and afterward in Yarmouth. The number of those bearing the name of Chase in the United States and Canada are numerous, and a fund was raised a few years ago and Dr. J. B. Chase of Taunton commissioned to prosecute the claims of the American heirs. We hope for our claimants' sake that all these fortunes will not be forced upon him immediately and all at once.

WARREN. Town meeting next Monday. M. K. Whipple has gone to New Orleans. W. H. Shepard is moving into Ben Earl's tenement.

The next medical meeting will be with Dr. Charles DeLand. Crescent division cleared nearly \$29 at their recent dramatic entertainment. The slips at the Universalist church will be rented Fast Day.

Tarbell Brothers have purchased the clothing store of Willis & Co. H. C. Spooner has sold his furniture business, and will remove to Holyoke.

Rev. Mr. Beaman will again occupy the pulpit of Rev. Mr. Forbes next Sunday. Jerome Gould is to remove to the cheese factory and have charge for the coming year.

Rev. Mr. Kimball gave a good temperance lecture at the town hall Thursday evening.

Miss Annie E. Hills, principal of the grammar school, has accepted a position in Waltham.

All the public schools will commence next week. Miss Patrick and Miss Hills will not return.

Wilson H. Fairbanks has bought the machinery belonging to the Tripp, Mara & Co. boot shop.

Dea. Jennings met with a severe accident a few days ago by slipping on the ice. One hip was badly injured.

J. H. Adams has gone to New Orleans to visit the exposition. He will probably be away two or three weeks.

Wonder who it is that is breeding Plymouth Rocks from a cross between a "Post Driver" and a Guinea hen?

There is considerable moving this season, and there would be a great deal more if decent tenements could be found.

John W. Tyler has given fifty dollars to the public library, the amount of his salary as road commissioner for the past year.

The old folks' concert Wednesday evening was well received by a good audience. A duet by Lottie Russell and Charlie Nichols, and "Guns in Jeddah" received encores.

The Makepeace farm was sold to Edward Patrick for \$5500. His assistant in the milk business will take the place occupied by Mr. Patrick, who will sell his place in the village and occupy the farm.

The W. C. T. U. met at Mrs. O. J. Darling's Thursday afternoon. This society donated five dollars, and Mrs. Josiah Hitchcock two dollars to the W. C. T. U. booth, in the Women's department at the New Orleans exposition.

Rev. Albert Hammett will preach next Sunday morning on "Sacrifice."

Rev. Albert Hammett exchanges with Rev. Mr. Perry of Palmer next Sunday evening.

Rev. Alex. Dight will preach next Sunday morning at 10.30 on the subject of temperance.

The graded schools No. 1 and No. 8 will begin on Monday March 30th. All the other schools will begin on Monday, April 6th.

The Methodist and Congregational societies will unite in a Fast Day service at the M. E. church on Fast Day at 10.30 a. m.

At the sale of pews at the Congregational church last Wednesday evening the usual amount was taken at premiums ranging from \$1 to \$5.

Rev. Dr. Alden, secretary of the American board of missions, is expected to preach in the Congregational church next Sunday morning and evening.

It looks now as though we had escaped the period of bringing in bills for "breaking roads," which of late years were making a serious inroad on the treasury.

The Wyndham Amateur Comedy Company will present the drama "Time and the Hour," at Central Hall on Easter Monday night, followed by a social dance.

The young people's social union will give a so-called party at the M. E. church next Wednesday evening. A short entertainment will be given, and ice cream, fruit, confectionery, etc., will be on sale.

Mr. Editor:—I notice in your last week's issue that Leonard Aldrich, late warden at the Monson town farm, goes to a similar position May 1st, with an increased salary. If he performs similar service as when here an increase would be one of the things to be expected.

X. X. The women's foreign missionary society will hold a public meeting in the M. E. church next Thursday evening commencing at 7.30. There will be an address by Miss Cushman, a returned missionary from China. An interesting feature of the occasion will be the representation of a Chinese family dressed in native costume. In the afternoon there will be a social meeting at 3 o'clock in the same place. Admission free. A collection will be taken in the evening to defray expenses.

At the Universalist social next Friday evening in Central Hall special attractions will be offered. In addition to the usual supper a musical and literary entertainment will be given. The wonderful child reader, Katie Cornell of New London, only 10 years old, will render several humorous and sentimental selections in costume. The annual town report is printed, and will be ready for distribution to-morrow evening, thus giving the voters ample time to see what has been done the past year before going to the polls on April 6th. Copies may be had at the clerk's office, and at the store of W. N. Flynt & Sons. From the report we find that the amount appropriated by the town was \$18,412.89, and the selectmen have paid out \$19,350.87, as follows: For schools, \$7,794.80; new

sch. house, \$517.78; highways, \$358.93; for prosecutions, \$353.12; poor at town hall, \$150.81; poor away from farm, \$18.86; free library, \$2900; old bills, \$1.11; miscellaneous, \$2907.56. While this is \$967.98 greater than the appropriation, it is \$338.61 less than last year.

1-school committee report that there is a need of a new school house, and recommend that one be centrally located for the meeting of the grammar schools. Project books have been furnished the parish at an expense of about one dollar per scholar, a much lower rate than they could be purchased for by the scholars. The books are all reported to be in good condition.

WARE AND VICINITY. Remember the temperance rally in the Methodist church next Monday evening.

Egocarp services will be held in the district court room Sunday morning at 10.30 o'clock.

Titian society hold their annual picnic for the election of officers this evening.

Rev. B. V. Stevenson will resume his work the Unitarian church Sunday, after an

